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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR TRUE PARENTS JUST HAS passed. Listening to Father's speech on that day, I was so amazed and excited and grateful as he proclaimed his blessing to all of us. He said in essence, "I will transfer all of my victories to you, but only on the condition that you do not leave any scars upon the Blessing, upon my word, or upon the historical tradition." If we don't soil the preciousness of these three things, we will be able to receive everything—all his successes, all his accomplishments—as our inheritance. This is truly an amazing grace.

Please try to understand Father's meaning. By tradition he means the restoration of our relationship to God through eight stages, from the servant of servant's position all the way up to the father's position. We have to follow True Father's pattern, and not hesitate to go the course of suffering and indemnity. Also we must not violate the Blessing.

Father mentioned that he himself took great concern and care not to leave a scar on the heavenly tradition, so that he could pass on this tremendous gift, purely, to all blessed couples, to all Moonies, and ultimately to all mankind. Now it is up to us to prepare to purely inherit this great blessing and tradition. Again I have to express how incredibly fortunate we are to have received this profound grace.

The question arises: How can we fully restore the true vertical and true horizontal relationships? Most important of all is, where should we do this? This is nowhere else but home church.

Think about the many times Father has spoken about home church. He has taught over and over that your home church represents your world, your cosmos. Everything is there, ready for you to fulfill. How could Father make a statement like this? Before he could even give us such a direction as home church he had to create a foundation utterly free from Satan's accusation. Until he could do that, he could never transfer the home church providence to us.

Before 1978, when Father introduced the home church idea for the first time, he never mentioned even one word about home church. As you know, we are now publishing Father's speeches in Korean—500 volumes of 500 pages each. Out of so many hundreds of speeches, I know that before 1978 there was not a single

word of home church mentioned. Only after having created a victorious foundation free from Satan's grasp could Father freely proclaim the idea of home church. This is the grace of grace, the blessing of blessings.

Home church is our ultimate place to restore horizontal relationships. Among your 360 homes you will find all kinds of people. They are the representatives of all mankind. You might have difficulties with them on many levels; your struggle may be internal or external. But in any case, unless you do home church, how can you have any means to reach the world and cosmic levels? Many of you have never even left the country of your birth or have visited only one or two other countries.

Restoring horizontal relationships ourselves is not a simple matter, even though we have the restored True Parents with us, and without going through home church, it is impossible.

Besides our horizontal relationships, how can we restore our vertical relationship with God? Because we come from fallen ancestors, our original position is one of an enemy to God. So far, Christians of even great faith who follow good Christian principles have only been able to reach the adopted son's position. The four higher stages of stepson, true son, mother, and father still remain to be conquered, and even to reach one of these stages is not easy. So how can we do it?

Like the gift of home church, we Unification Church members have received another great gift and grace from God, the holy Blessing. No matter how unworthy we consider ourselves, no matter how many struggles we had in our past, we can jump to just above the growth stage through our Blessing. The Blessing itself is recognized by God and True Parents as even higher than the adopted son's position, higher than the stepson's position. Through the Blessing we become True Parents' *actual* sons and daughters.

After the Blessing we are still like immature children, and because of the fallen world around us and our fallen background, we still have to set indemnity conditions. Most importantly, we have to faithfully follow True Parents' tradition and direction. But after our Blessing our main course is to go the way of the Principle, and we have to go that way *not* by laying indemnity

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WHEN IT WAS OVER, IT TURNED OUT TO BE LOVE

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*Only those who have the power of absolute faith,
those who have seen the coming of the Lord,
will survive.*

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WHO IS ASSEMBLED HERE? YOU SAY "MOONIES," BUT what are you? Moon-men and moon-women? Behind the familiar moon, there is the sun; and what is beyond the sun? The sun of love, and that is God. Famous people are called stars; many people yearn for stardom. But the way of life of the Moonies is greater than stardom. More important is to be like the moon or the sun.

Which aspect of the moon is most appealing to you—the full moon or the virtually invisible, new moon? I know you like the full moon. On the first day of the month on the lunar calendar the moon is insignificant, but every day it grows until the fifteenth, when it is full. That is the period of building up, like the first half of a day. Then the moon descends towards smallness again. That's like the second half of a day, heading toward nighttime. Which do you prefer—the daytime or the nighttime? You say "daytime" very firmly.

If you had a choice of living on the stars, the moon, or the sun, which would you choose? It doesn't matter because, after all, my name contains them all—Sun, Myung which means bright light, and Moon. Which would you like to be—a Moonie or a Sunnie? In order to become a Sunnie, you have to free yourself completely from your shackles and become real and true people. Have you done that? What is the difference between Moonies and Sunnies? The moon receives light and then reflects it, while the sun is the generator of light and gives it out everywhere.

The Moonies are those who can only gain their strength from me, receiving that light and encouragement and then giving it out. But for Sunnies it doesn't matter whether I am present or not. Sunnies are dynamos, giving out the light to the world themselves. The wish of Heavenly Father, as well as my own desire, is for you to become Sunnies. Don't stay too long on the Moonie level; promote yourselves to Sunnies.

BE STRONGER THAN THE DARKNESS

Throughout my life I have always stirred up things; therefore, everywhere I go there is controversy, particularly where it is darkest. That is what we all must do: bring light to the darkness. Do you think I have experienced more bright, sunny days in my life, or more cloudy, dark days? Just as we experience many cloudy days here on earth, the life of the Unification Church, particularly my life, has been full of many cloudy days, many gloomy and dark days of persecution. That does not mean the sun is not shining—it is always there behind the clouds.

Incredibly evil and satanic forces have been trying to block the benevolent, shining sunlight. Those who can continue under constantly turbulent weather and can survive and prosper must be men and women who know the sun is always shining above the clouds. They have expe-

rienced the bright light of a sunny day and have the energy to persevere through the darkness of even a hurricane; they know another sunny day is just ahead. How can you members of the Unification Church survive and prosper during these dark and turbulent days? Only those who have the power of absolute faith, those who have seen the coming of the Lord—the sunrise—will survive. They know that this time is temporary and will pass away.

What is the nature of the sun? The sun burns its own body in order to give out energy. If you want to become a Sunnie, you have to burn yourself up in order to give energy and warmth to the world. If your life energy is not strong enough, you will be overcome by the power of darkness. So you should be stronger than the darkness that surrounds you.

Imagine that the sun itself had a mind to think about the fact that its limited resources were being depleted a little more every day. If there is an ongoing depletion of the sun's mass, some day it will face its moment of death. Then what will happen? All the creatures of the earth will die as well, because they depend on the sun for life. So no matter what happens, we cannot let the sun die. There must be some source of refueling for the sun. Can we create a big laboratory and bring out huge buckets of gasoline to pour into the sun's reservoirs? For the sun to survive, it must have some way of bringing back its lost energy. Something else has to sacrifice itself. There must be some element with which the sun can interact and by which the sun can receive some energy back.

In the same way, in order for someone else to live, our sacrifice is required. The Unification Church members suffer a great deal, and willingly make many sacrifices. Our job is to eliminate the darkness, to clear up the clouds that have been obscuring the sun from humanity.

WE REPRESENT THE FUTURE

If anybody is greedy, you Moonies are the greediest because your ambition is to not only occupy God's love but to even liberate God. You want to free God from His sorrow. No one is harboring a greater ambition than the Moonies. But some people might say that Moonies are the worst possible people because they are so greedy. Wherever you go, people are horrified to hear that you are a Moonie. They fear you and think that their town will suffer because you are there, so they try to get rid of you. You Moonies don't ride into town upon golden chariots, like kings and queens; you enter almost like beggars, humbly fundraising with peanuts and flowers. But even with that, the villagers want to drive you away. There is no reasoning behind it but rather it is just a blind impulse—to reject the Moonies no matter what.

However, what is starting to happen? The first generation, which blindly rejects the Moonies, is passing away, while the second generation, which is going to take over

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the management of the world, is coming more and more to our side. That is why we have so many young people in this auditorium today. We represent the future.

We have come to the point when the rejecting, persecuting generation is passing away and the new horizon is opening up. The time will come when the forces that have rejected the Unification Church—all the nations and sovereignties, even democracy and communism—will decline. That includes the adherents of secular humanism, those who glorify materialism. They are all being moved out of the planet.

What about the American political situation? Sometimes the Democratic Party holds power, and sometimes the Republican Party takes control. In the meantime, this country is heading downward into more and more moral degradation. From the viewpoint of God, this country is in its death throes. Many people have come to the point of writing off the future of the United States; they cannot see any hope for it. There was a time when people put their faith in science; they thought technology would liberate mankind, but that hope has been gone for a long time now. Nowadays people are desperately searching for answers somewhere. Many are coming to the realization that the Moon philosophy might be their hope.

A SPECIAL PRESCRIPTION

Do we have Moonie power? When we sprinkle our Moonie power it has a healing effect, doesn't it? It can heal people from their drug habits, from immorality, and from homosexual problems. When Moonie power is sprinkled, the clouds of darkness will vanish; then people will see their own value and find the direction they should be going.

When you men encounter a beautiful woman, you don't feel the selfish desire to entice her, isn't that true? With Moonie power you are protected from the temptations of the world. When you have that Moonie power, you don't just consider yourself a citizen of your particular country. You don't say, "I'm an American, first and foremost," or "I'm a Japanese," or "I'm a Korean." Rather you always think of yourself as a universal person, a child of God.

We have been receiving attack, over and over, but the time will come when the tables are turned. Then the Moonies can take the offensive. Then we will see that the world has become so corrupted from within itself that it has no energy to get up and resist. Look at the corruption within all realms of society. People are losing their families: Their wives, their husbands, their children are all leaving. People are becoming completely demoralized. The country itself is no longer intact.

But we have a special prescription, a unique solution. It is not a killing prescription but rather a restoring prescription—that is home church. We will become tribal messiahs for the people. New vitality is being created; a new engine has been turned on. By pouring new energy into this

society, we will see its resurrection. We want to turn this desert into an oasis and bring the springtime by centering upon the love of God. We will transform the people into a united, ideal society.

NEW HEAVENLY TERRITORY

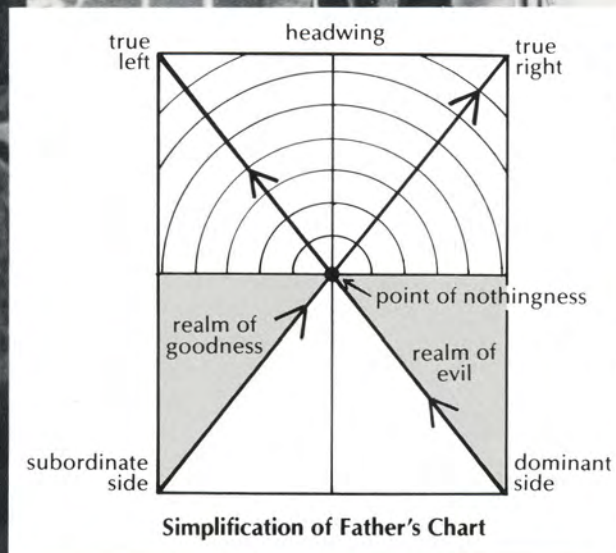
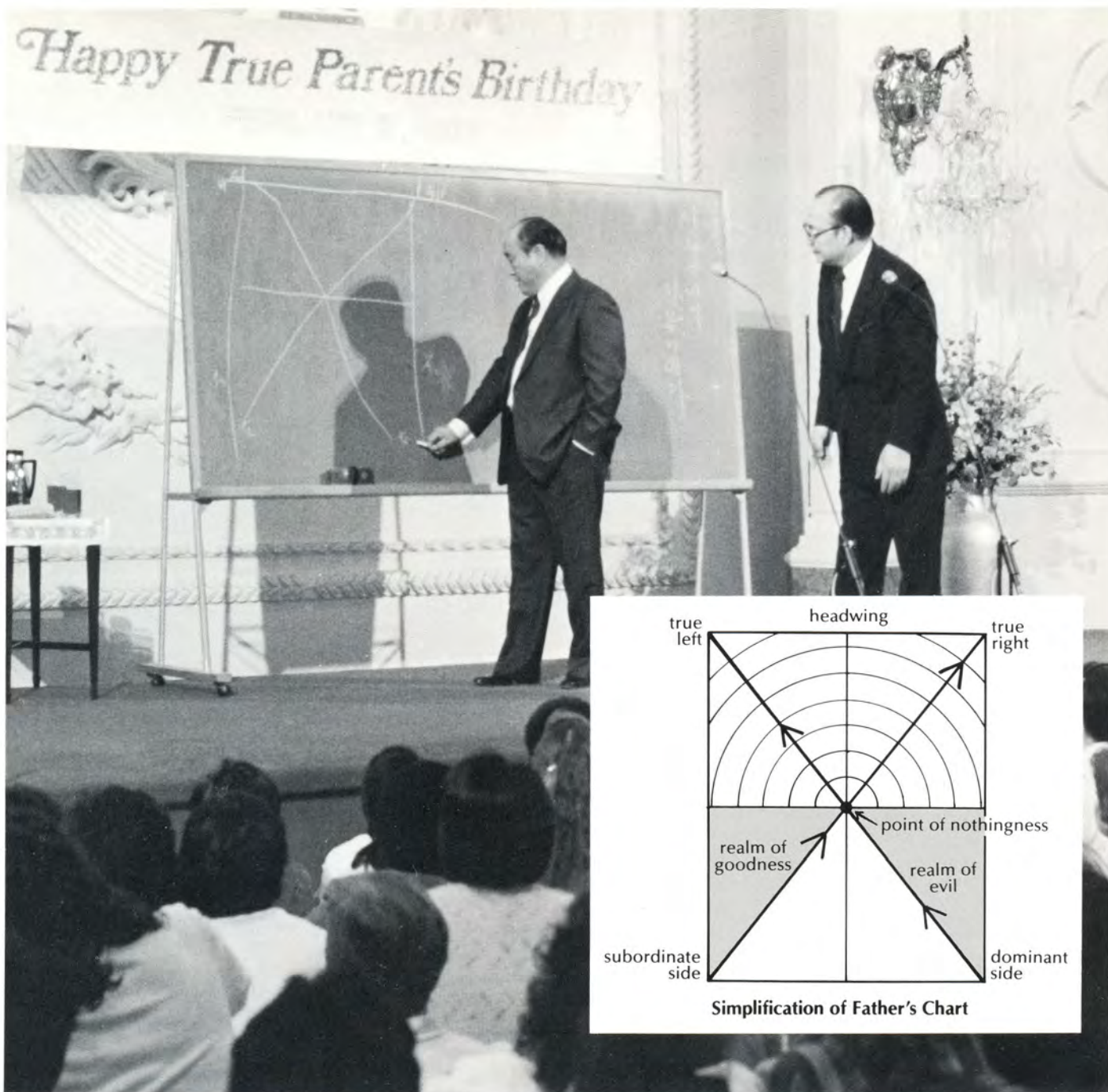
If there had been no fall of man, we would have seen the consummation of the vertical line, the love of God coming directly down from heaven. [See diagram.] Both the right side and the left side would have belonged to Heaven. But at the fall, the right and left sides were taken under the satanic domain. Everything became turned around. What was supposed to be left became right; what was supposed to be right became left. In order to enter into full restoration, you have to go through the crossroads. If you started out from the left side, you have to cross over to the right; from the right side, you have to cross over to the left.

All of humanity came to dwell below this horizontal line. That was the consequence of the fall. The evil people in the world, who should be on the left, are flourishing on the right or dominant side, while the good, righteous people are suffering on the left or subordinate side. Incredible human conflict between good and evil is constantly going on. The left side, occupying the right or dominant sphere, is called the left wing. The right side, occupying the left or subordinate sphere, is called the right wing. From the individual level, the scope of evil has broadened through the family, tribe, clan, society, nation, and world, moving up and expanding its territory on the dominant side.

Therefore, a horizontal line must be created in order to establish a new left and a new right, a new heavenly territory. When both wings reach the horizontal line, they have to cross it. Therefore, at this junction, everybody comes to the point of nothingness, emptiness, confusion. It is the spirit of total denial and doubt of everything—the individual, family, society, nation, and world. In order to cross the line, into the place where a new order is created, everyone has to go through this period of chaos. It is a natural phenomenon.

Then the left wing, representing evil, which has been occupying the dominant side of the world, will cross over and move to the true left side. The right wing, which has been suffering so much within the evil world on the left side, will cross over to the true right side.

The Unification Church movement is born out of the crossing juncture of the right and the left. The left-hand side is surrendering; people on the left are starting to recognize Rev. Moon as a good man, a force for goodness. They are beginning to recognize him on the individual level; then eventually the families, clans, tribes, and nations on the side of evil will recognize the forces of good. It will take about seven years for this recognition to come to its full fruition. Those seven years will be over in 1992; then the new order shall be created.



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EMBRACING BOTH WORLDS

Today both the democratic and the communist worlds are dying. Almighty God will not allow them both to perish without having some alternative. He will let them die but only so that they can be absorbed into the new order. That new order will encompass and embrace both those old worlds.

So far, we have used the classification of right wing and left wing. But with the new order of the Unification movement, we are building up the "head wing," the central wing. We are creating the individual, family, tribe, society, nation, and world head wing. When we reach the crossover point, when we go beyond the horizontal line, what will we see? It will no longer be the case that the right signifies the

righteous side and the left evil. Instead, both left and right sides will be part of heaven. The original situation will be restored for the first time in history. This situation is what we call the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Everyone has to go through this crossing junction. This is almost like the moment of judgment—you have to cleanse yourself, get rid of your past and become a new creature. That is the mission of the Unification Church. It will happen first on the level of the individual, then on the level of the family, tribe, nation, and world. From that point on, we can say that the true nation will come into being—the true nation that God can recognize, the true parents that God can recognize, the true brothers and sisters that God can recognize, the true teachers that God can recognize.

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are all centered upon you.*

When I began my pioneering task, do you think I had even one assistant? There was a time when I was completely alone. I was the only one representing the heavenly goal of a true individual, family, society, nation, and world. When I began my pioneering task, did I start from the highest throne of God in Heaven, or from the lowest possible dungeons of hell on earth?

A FAR GREATER FOUNDATION

In 1945, right after the end of World War II, there was a golden opportunity for the restoration of the Kingdom of Heaven to take place. God's plan was to consummate the entire restoration process within seven years, if established Christianity had united. You know, however, that that opportunity was lost. Therefore, I had to build up a new foundation through the Unification Church; this was done in 40 years' time. However, the Unification Church's foundation today—its strength and power—is far greater than the level of the foundation that existed in 1945. We have come to another time, the second opportunity for the Golden Age of Restoration of the world. This time we don't have to rely upon anyone else's foundation because we have built our own, the Unification Church foundation.

Today we are passing through a very important period of history—the years of 1986, 1987, and 1988. In this three years' time, our movement has to achieve victory in every realm. We have come to that point.

This year, we are celebrating Mother's 44th birthday and my 67th birthday. As you know, Satan took away the number four, and the heavenly four position foundation became satanic. Also the number six, representing the day of the creation of man, was lost to Satan. Therefore, the total number of days of creation—seven—was also lost. This birthday represents the restoration of those three numbers.

The year 1986 was a most important year, the first of these pivotal three years. For that reason, I returned to Korea and made substantial inroads there. We organized the entire nation into Victory Over Communism associations. Every segment of Seoul has been touched; VOC leaders have been chosen, educated, and organized. The Korean government did not have the ability to organize such a thing, but we did. It is now common understanding among all the Korean people that the person who can defend the country from the hateful, warmongering North Korean Kim Il Sung is Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

My strategy is not just to restore the great nation of America into a God-centered nation but to liberate the very center of the communist world—Moscow itself. Without doing this, we cannot liberate God from His sorrow. We cannot liberate the True Parents from their anguish. At that point the Moonies too shall be liberated. From that time on, no one will even conceive of persecuting the Moonies. There will be no more clouds between

the sun and humanity. The bright sunshine will be seen all the time. We shall not only be anointed as Sunnies but will move on to be Kingies. Each one of us shall enjoy the eternal true love of God, basking in that warmth and light!

THE "KING" OF SERVANTS

The restoration of mankind can be divided into eight different stages. You must go from the servant of servants' position to the servant's position, the adopted son's position, the stepson's position, the son's position, the mother's position, and the father's position, and then ultimately you will plunge into God's loving bosom. That is your ultimate goal. At that point you will be dwelling in the world of love, the direct domain of love.

I have gone through the entire spectrum of human misery, from the very bottom all the way up to the top. Throughout my life I was hated and pursued by Satan more than anyone ever was throughout history. I could not go around or overlook any aspect of human suffering. This is why my past 40 years have involved the worst possible misery.

I started out from the servant of servants' position. I tried to become the best servant of servants that ever existed—the "king" of servants. Becoming the king of servants means you have to be the model servant, fulfilling the worst duties imaginable. There have been so many people who died tragically and miserably, under the worst possible situations, but even those people can now come to me and say, "Yes, you suffered ten times, even a hundred times, more than we did." Thus their hearts can be comforted and melted.

No one in history has suffered more than me for the sake of God. Because of that, God can say to the people, "Look what my son has done," and then everyone else's suffering will seem smaller at that point. Even Satan does not have anything else to say in front of me because my suffering is far beyond even Satan's imagination.

However, no matter what kind of suffering I faced, I was never in a weak position, saying, "God, this is too much. I cannot bear any more of this." I will never say that. The path of suffering should not be distinguished by tears; rather, it should be embroidered with the joy of acceptance. My attitude has always been, "I know, Heavenly Father, that You cannot abandon mankind; You want to save everyone. In the same way, I will never give up on humanity either. Even if You must use me as a sacrifice to save people, please do so."

I traveled to all the continents of the world and established holy grounds in almost every nation, including the most miserable, small, suffering countries. No matter what country I go to, I always have the confidence that I can comfort the people there and restore them, because I think, "I have suffered more than these people. Because of the conditions I made, please, God, help and save these people."

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I have always prayed such a prayer. No nation has been overlooked.

THE SEVEN-YEAR PATH

What I have gone through in the past 40 years—the seven stages of suffering—I have condensed, in a way, into a small segment of seven years. All you have to do is walk that seven-year path. The method of walking that path is the home church providence.

The course of Jacob had to be walked by the Israelites. The course of Moses had to be walked by the nation of Israel. The course of Jesus had to be walked by the people of the world. The course of the True Father must be walked by you. If your seven years is a period of difficulty, if it is a thorny path, do not try to avoid it; do not avoid the persecution. Receive it. In seven years' time, you will have converted a hostile world into a loving and welcoming world, so that the people will open their doors and welcome you in as their tribal messiah. That is possible because of the conditions I set in Danbury and the victory there.

Our slogan for this year is "Unification of the Fatherland." Where do we accomplish this unification? Through the home church providence. Follow my direction and fulfill the mandate; give with true love. Later you can talk about it, you can tell me whether it worked or not. But first you must simply follow.

The entire consummation of history is centering upon you—unless you do this, nothing will happen. Unless you move, nothing will move. The ideal family, tribe, nation, and world are all centered upon you. What will be your attitude? Will you try to dodge this suffering period, or will you plunge into it and convert it into joy? The course of restoration is one of breaking through, penetrating.

When Korea was still under the occupation of Japan, I was suffering in prison for the sake of the independence of Korea. The highest and the lowest echelons of the Japanese imperial government united in order to persecute me. They had not even one ounce of sympathy for me, but I bit off that suffering and I chewed it up. At that time, my captors tried to tempt me by saying, "If you recant, we will give you freedom, as well as glory, honor, money, women, everything." But I chose to stay on the suffering path. When I look back on those days, I feel it was God's grace. By being in jail, I could be separated from normal earthly temptations, so I was protected, in a sense.

In North Korea, I experienced imprisonment three times. Persecution in North Korea came primarily because of money. Looking back on those days, I can see that God was showing me, "Completely separate yourself from money; have nothing to do with it." That particular discipline was the grace given to me during my imprisonment. There were established churches in that communist nation, but I could not trust them. There was a government there, but I could not trust it. I became stronger by thinking that

there was no one in the world that I could rely on except myself and God.

NOTHING BUT INTENSE GRATITUDE

Every situation in Korea today will pass away—whether political, social, or whatever. I see all those things as passing phenomena; they will not survive. The new order will soon come to that country, so I can stay aloof of the present situation. No earthly power can become a temptation to me. When I came to the United States, the entire free world banded together to come against me. I really have no yearning or longing in my heart for anything in this world. It was actually much easier for me to be isolated from the temptations of the world. I could deny the world entirely. Thus the world's persecution helped me; in a way, it was a grace.

When I look back upon my 67 years of life, I feel nothing but intense gratitude filling my heart. God always wanted to give me something better, something greater; therefore I look at my life as a life of blessing. Every step of the way, I can see that God has been with me. From this point, the foundation I have erected can never be diminished by any earthly power. Only by going this way of suffering could this foundation be completely rock solid today. I have seen nothing but the flowing love of God throughout my life, always with me, supporting and protecting me. Do you understand?

The remaining path is a bright and rosy one. All I can see is a wide-open road toward the Kingdom of Heaven—in heaven and on earth. I can walk down that highway with true pride and confidence and gratitude. Up until now, living in this time of suffering was like dwelling in perpetual nighttime; every step of the way was in darkness. The path of restoration was like one night after another, on and on, with no sunshine. But during this whole time, as I encountered barriers along the way, I broke each of them down, one by one, and opened up the path, enabling me to see larger and larger territory. Now I can see the entire territory; no compartments or barriers can obstruct my view. That is why the spirit world can now come down freely. In the past, the ability of the spirit world to help was very limited; only in certain isolated cases could someone establish a vertical line of communication spiritually. Today, that is different because those compartments in the spirit world have been broken down and the barriers are gone. So all the forces of religion can descend with great impact on earth.

DO NOT SCAR YOUR INHERITANCE

In order for you to become entitled to the Kingdom of Heaven, you must become a historical person centered upon the love of God. You must be able to control the past, which is the spirit world, the present, which is the parents'



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world, and the future, which is God's world. I devised a way by which you can encapsulate that course. This is the home church system. When you go to your area, you can practice this.

Many people ask, "How will Rev. Moon build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?" You have seen the blueprint this morning. Nothing is lacking in home church—it contains all the facets. All the information that Satan has, you also have. Every component is there.

My entire life has been one of extraordinary suffering, but then when I look at it from another direction, I see what a blessing it was. God gave me that suffering path in order to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Why? God wanted to bestow His entire heavenly inheritance on my shoulders, and through me, God wants to distribute it to you and all of humanity. So you are the inheritors of this Kingdom. But you cannot put a scar on that inheritance.

Think of it. My entire life was involved in following this tradition. I always thought, "I cannot leave even one little scar in the God-given Kingdom of Heaven." In the same way, that is the tradition for you. I am bequeathing this Kingdom to you, so you must not leave any scar there, any shame. Do you have confidence you can do this? Do you want to receive the inheritance?

On this momentous historical day of February 3, 1987, which is January 6 on the lunar calendar, I have proclaimed to the world, "I promise I will bequeath to you all the inheritance I have received from God—the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven." What determines whether you become a winner or a loser? It depends upon your responsibility to not leave a scar on that inherited Kingdom. Especially you blessed families must successfully transfer the true lineage, pass on all the historical tradition you have received. If you can say, "To fulfill the conditions Father has enumerated, I will not leave any scar"—if I can

hear that kind of commitment from you—I promise to bequeath to you the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

Your stage to act upon is home church. This is where you can practice my tradition and my words and inherit God's lineage. Starting from home church, where do we go? Home church will be elevated into tribal church, then to national church, then to world church. Our goal is not too far away. We can mobilize all of Christianity in this kind of home church system. We have to knit the whole world into different layers of home churches. You may think that the home church system is sparse, but our goal is actually very near. We just have to begin.

Through home church, you will create your own tribe, your own nation, your own world! When this system succeeds in three nations—the United States, Japan, and Korea—we won't even have to worry about the rest of the world. There will be modern electronic media through which we can communicate with the whole world. So converting and transforming the world is not that big a task, once you get down to it.

By receiving this kind of inheritance—home church—you are moving into higher territory. But you are not zig-zagging there; instead, you are going like a comet, propelling yourselves straight forward to your ultimate target, which is God's heart. On this momentous birthday of the True Parents, those who pledge, "I shall become the true child of our Heavenly Father and be victorious along this path, so that we can all ultimately go into the heart of God," raise both hands please.

If that particular pledge is not fulfilled, but rather is stained and scarred, then True Parents' Birthday will lose all its joy, and it will have no meaning. But I know you will not do that.

God bless you. □

THE DAY OF VICTORY OF LOVE

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Summary of the first part

Right after World War II, America had the opportunity to embrace the entire world and bring about the fulfillment of God's dispensation, but through what happened in Korea, America lost that chance.

At that time, Korean Christians were divided into two camps. The devout Christians who had been opposed to the Japanese were on the Abel side, and those who had compromised their faith, as well as those who had studied in the United States during the war, were on the Cain side. If the Cain camp had united with the Abel camp, God's new dispensational era would have begun.

But the two camps accused each other as heretics. Those on the Abel side, who had to work underground, considered themselves the only pure Christians. The established Christians, those on the Cain side, accused the underground Christians for harboring the heretical belief in the imminent coming of the Messiah. I was in the position to bring harmony between the two camps, but since my message was that the Messiah must come as a man in the flesh, I was accused by both sides. Some people who had received spiritual messages from heaven left their churches to join me, but their congregations began to persecute me severely.

Upon the liberation of Korea on August 15, 1945, the United States set up a military provisional government. Koreans who had studied in the United States were placed in most of the official positions. The American missionaries, as well as the Cain-type Christians, united with the U.S. military government and used their power to block my work.

Thus Christianity in Korea became completely dominated by satanic forces, and my position became extremely precarious. God's great expectation was thwarted. North Korea had already been taken over by the communists, leaving South Korea to fulfill the will of God, but that was now impossible.

I want you to understand that the messianic movement must begin upon the foundation of a nation. Since Korea took the position of Cain, I had to go on to the world level without first securing the national foundation.

Jesus had to set a special 40-day condition to bring his lost disciples together after they had scattered. In the same way, since half of Korea had been given away to the satanic side, I had to go to North Korea physically and try to restore that part of Korea back to God.

I suffered incredibly while I was there, but I gained many disciples who were spiritually led to me, especially while I was

in prison. When the UN forces liberated Hungnam in the Korean War, I could go back to the South.

South Korea had been devastated by the war. The rich and influential people had fled the country and the government was in chaos. This temporarily confusing situation could be used by God, and I took this opportunity to make a new beginning. By 1954, I was able to organize an official church under the name of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

However, the persecution soon started up again. Ewha and Yonsei universities, the American missionaries, and the government launched a severe attack on us. The Holy Wedding of the True Parents in 1960 and the Blessing of the 36 Couples in 1961 took place under incredible turmoil.

In 1970 I initiated a three-year mobilization campaign for all blessed couples for the sake of the salvation of the country. After tremendous sacrifice on their part, public opinion turned around and people finally recognized the dedication of our members. By 1972, I had laid down a national foundation stronger than any previous Christian foundation. Thus that national victory could now be linked to the worldwide level.

On December 18, 1971, I came to America. Initially I received an unbelievably warm welcome. This response indemnified, on a world level, the national failure of Korean Christianity to accept me in 1945. To link this international victory with Korea, I brought the International One World Crusade team to Korea in 1975. Because of the IOWC's success, the Korean government, the United States, and the Unification Church became symbolically united for the first time, thus indemnifying the failure of Israel, the Roman empire, and Judaism to unite at the time of Jesus. The realm of total salvation was opened up.

However, after my initial warm welcome, persecution in America intensified. I had a face-to-face talk with President Nixon and made a monumental recommendation to him. If he had heeded my words, the world political situation would have unfolded in an entirely different manner, but he did not.

So what happened? Nixon was pulled down in the Watergate disgrace, Carter came into office, and a miserable situation developed in America. Ronald Reagan was my hope but he, too, has failed to stand firmly on his principles. I had to wage a battle against the United States government and American Christianity, which represents world-level Christianity. Eventually I had to go to prison in Danbury to indemnify the failure of America, especially the failures of Nixon and Carter. Otherwise I could not have gone on to a higher stage of the dispensation.



JOHN HALEMIO / NEW FUTURE PHOTOS

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IN 1983, ONE MORE VICTORIOUS FOUNDATION HAD TO BE laid in Korea because Satan was holding his hook over me. There was still persistent accusation and persecution by the established Christian churches in Korea and failure on certain levels of the Korean government. Thus I returned there in December 1983 and mobilized the entire nation with VOC rallies. That was, in a way, the final showdown between Satan and me. The morale of the Korean people had been very low, but during that month of December, the entire country was buoyed up.

Satan could not invade me directly, so what did he do? He invaded my family. On December 23, 1983, at the same hour I was completing our final rally in Kwangju, Heung Jin was involved in his accident. There was a great ransom that had to be paid, a great debt. Thus an extraordinary sacrifice was required. For that reason, God allowed one of the precious sons of the True Family to serve as that sacrifice.

The failure of established Christianity had to be paid by someone. Otherwise, the souls of Christians in the spirit world could not be linked to the physical world and could not come down to assist the dispensation. With the payment of this ransom by Heung Jin's noble sacrifice, the

debt was paid. From that point on, the entire Christian population in the spirit world was released to come down freely through Heung Jin and assist on earth. Heung Jin was the bridge.

OPENING TRUE PARENTS' GATE

Before that, Christians in the spirit world could have no real connection with the True Parents. The utmost desire of all Christian men and women in the spirit world is to make a heartistic connection with the True Parents—because that is the ultimate salvation for them, too. Since they could not do it with their physical bodies, True Parents' own son, the flesh and blood of True Parents, came to the spirit world to link them.

Since the fall of man, everybody has been going to the spirit world without passing through any gate, without any order, just according to whim. In this age, fallen men and women are supposed to enter the spirit world through the gate of the True Parents. If spirit people want to descend to the physical world, they also have to go through this gate. Otherwise, if they come down according to their own desire, their coming does not serve any purpose. In isolated cases spirits have descended and made contact

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with people, given certain revelations, and then left. This, however, did not help their spiritual growth. They could make vertical contact but they could not make any lasting influence horizontally.

How can this horizontal movement be created? The horizontal world is under the dominion of the True Parents. The children of the True Parents as well have the right to dominion over this territory. Therefore, when one of the True Parents' family is sent to the spirit world, a gate is opened up so that the spirits can come down through that gate and into the True Parents' territory. Once they come down, they can stay permanently and continue to work. Before, when good spirits came down, they did a little bit of work and then took off. What happened? Satan could enter in and snatch the results away. But now, the good spirits can descend to earth through the True Parents' gate and stay here on earth permanently. This is how the satanic world can be pushed out. Satan will have no room to come back and reclaim the result.

It is human nature to feel great sorrow at the death of a beloved son, but I knew I could not shed tears from a human perspective—not one tear. Actually, during the time of Heung Jin's ascension, I was doing the work of creating this gate, setting the condition through which to send him to the spirit world. I did this in less than three days' time. During the Ceremony of Unification I prayed a very special prayer, and now no one has the power to block the True Parents' gate. This gate was opened up by the sacrifice of Heung Jin. At the fall of man, true love was replaced with illicit love. True love was lost and the realm of death was created. But by reactivating and restoring true love, the realm of death was conquered.

A NEW ERA IN HISTORY

At 1:18 a.m. on January 2, 1983, Heung Jin's ascension occurred. When Jesus was resurrected, 120 spirits escorted his spirit into heaven. In the same way, when Heung Jin ascended, 120 kings and queens from nations in the spirit world assembled. They could then come down and begin to exercise their influence and power on earth for the benefit of God's dispensation. After this event, there were many spiritualists who testified that in the spirit world Jesus is now known as the old Christ and Heung Jin as the young Christ. Now the two worlds are linked—the spirit world and the physical world. They are becoming one, and there will be free communication between them.

In 1984, two of the greatest sacrifices in history were made. One was the ascension of Heung Jin, which liberated all the good Christians in spirit world. The position of Jesus was indemnified through this sacrifice. Secondly, my stay in Danbury indemnified the national failure so that we could move up to the world dispensational level. Thus a new era has dawned. A new dispensational history has begun upon this great foundation.

The years following the victory of Danbury—1986, 1987, 1988—are the years of the physical presence or dominion of the True Parents. After Danbury, I immediately returned to Korea in order to restore the situation there. The presence and influence of the True Parents was also brought to the scene in Japan. Then I returned to the United States once again, in order to achieve victory in this country.

So far, the Abel power has always been overshadowed by the Cain power. But during these three years, I am pushing this Abel power upward, advancing straight ahead against the Cain power; then the Abel side will go over and take dominion. This is the year of total mobilization for the blessed couples and all the members of the Unification Church on the final level—the worldwide level. Just as I mobilized the Korean families in 1970 on the national level, this time I want to mobilize everyone on the worldwide level in order to gain the final victory over the Cain world.

Actually, Danbury was a voluntary act on my part. I was in Korea at the time of the indictment; I didn't have to go to the courthouse for the trial since I am not a citizen of the United States and this government could not arrest me in Korea. But I returned to America in order to face the trial and even go to prison if necessary, just for the purpose of restoring the national and world-level dispensation. I accepted the sacrifice of Heung Jin so the failure of Christianity could be indemnified. After the death of my beloved son, how could I retreat in the face of a court battle? I stepped forward as a front-line soldier, to save this nation and the world.

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION IS NEXT

While I was in Danbury, the churches in the Cain position—the established Christian churches—became united with the Unification Church. After restoring that Christian foundation, the national foundation is next. After the victory of Danbury, we stepped up to another level.

In the nations of Korea, Japan, and the United States, complicated and confusing situations persist. There is only one solution remaining to all the problems of these countries: Follow the Principle taught by Rev. Moon. There can be no other prescription for the sicknesses that beset these three countries. President Reagan's popularity in this country is dwindling. He may not end his term gloriously because of his lack of courage to testify to me.

Forty years ago, after the World War II victory, God gave a great opportunity to the nations of the world, but the blessings were squandered and God's efforts ended in failure. So I have been laboring for these 40 years to lay the foundation again all by myself. We have come once again to a great opportunity to save America—to heal America and heal the world.

Communists know that the most fearful person in America is not Ronald Reagan but Rev. Moon. In North

Korea, the most closed, regimented society in the communist world, education begins at the age of seven. Children's textbooks say that the enemy of world communism and the communist utopia is the man who calls himself Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Even the seven-year-olds in North Korea know my name.

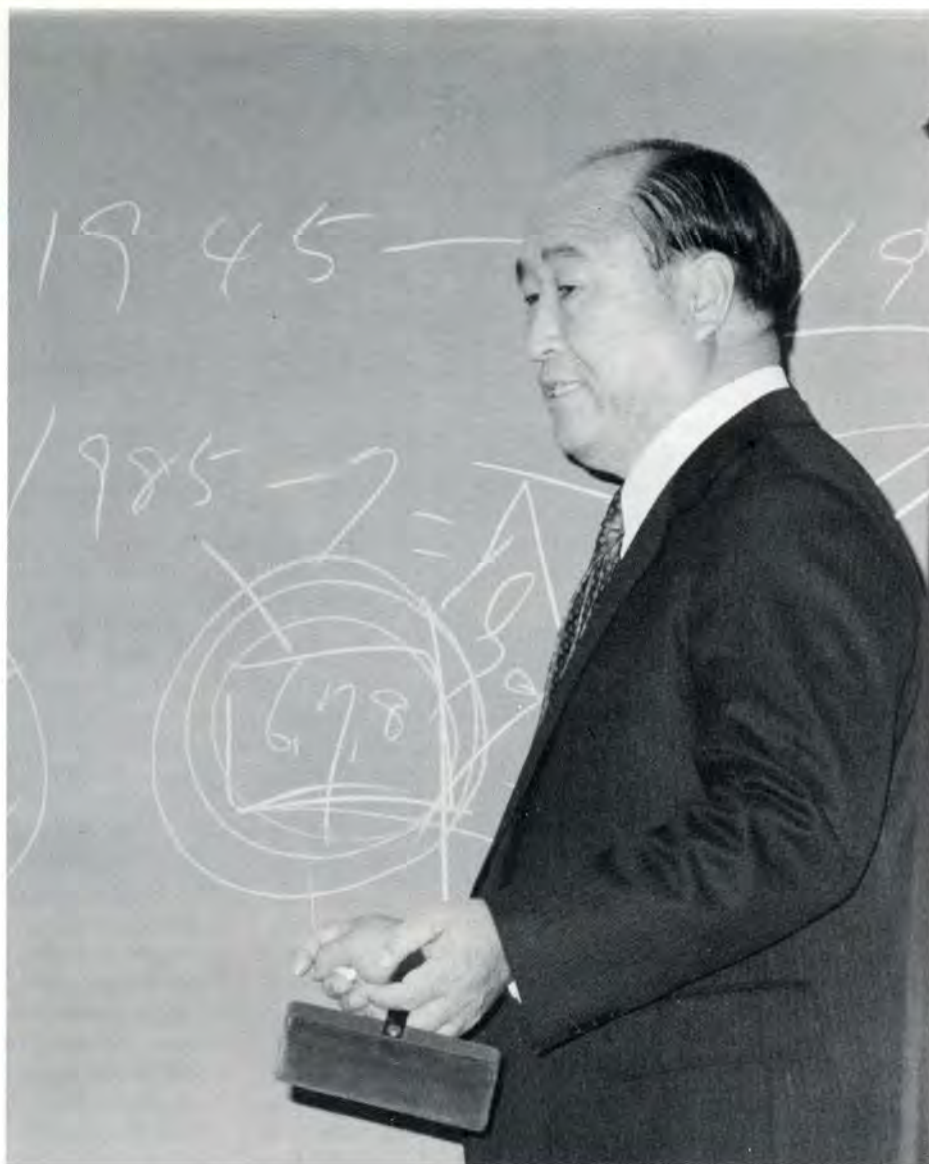
While I was in Danbury prison, the evil forces of the world had already begun to decline. China declared its swing away from Marxism. The leaders of the Soviet Union also realized that they have to adjust their course; otherwise, as even they understand, their Marxism/Leninism will not work. The United States is declining into secular humanism. Both the right and left camps are losing effectiveness. The left wing and the right wing are both drooping down like the wings of a tired bird. There is no reason for them to exist any longer. But the center remains, and that center is Godism.

THE MOST CRUCIAL YEARS

The first opportunity for the restoration of the world came in 1945, and the succeeding seven years were supposed to see the fulfillment of God's will. That dispensation should have been consummated by 1952. But that initial plan ended in failure, as I explained today. Forty years later—in 1985—a new foundation was erected. Upon that, these seven years until 1992 will see the true opportunity for the fulfillment of the dispensation of God. Within these seven years, the first three are the most crucial—1986, 1987, and 1988. Thus the two remaining years are the most important of all.

The year 1988 will be a dramatic year, from an internal as well as an external viewpoint. In that year, Korea will be holding a significant election. The United States, Japan, and Germany will all have a change of government. France is also going to hold a presidential election. While you have been resting, sitting idly, and doing nothing, I have been totally focused on this situation. There is not even one minute that I am separated from these problems in my thoughts. I am caring and worrying more about this country than any other religious or political leader. Now you must realize that the course is set for the next two years. This nation and world cannot sway any other way than the way of God.

Upon the proclamation of the Day of Victory of Love,



the realm of death was conquered. Satan's forces have become deflated. As soon as you seize the spirit of this Day of Victory of Love and proclaim yourself to the world boldly and strongly, the satanic forces will retreat. You will be the winner. This is the moment you are in now. This is the opportunity you have been waiting for all this time. Unless nations and individuals follow the Principle, no one can have hope.

For whom is this victorious foundation laid? Not for my sake, but for the sake of you Unification Church members in America and the world, so that it can become your foundation, your launching pad. It is for the sake of all humanity. Ultimately the Unification Church has to take off its own sign; "Unification Church" is not important any more. The important thing is the salvation of humanity and the fulfillment of God's desire.

One sovereignty—God's sovereignty—must reign over all of humanity forever. This is the will of God. All religions, including Christianity, have been waiting for this goal to be fulfilled. Therefore, our stage is the world. The existence of the Unification Church is immaterial. The important thing is to do God's will—to reach that ultimate goal.

Anybody who wants to inherit this foundation without doing his share of the responsibility is like a thief. You are following me, so you must walk my path.

WE ARE NOT GOING ALONE

During these remaining two years of 1987 and 1988, I would like to mobilize every force possible within the realm of the Unification movement and move the nation and the world. Everyone—the Unification Church, Christianity, all Jewish people, all of humanity—is waiting to enter the new Israel, the ultimate Israel. That Israel is the victorious, God-centered chosen nation and the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We are waiting to enter into that new Israel.

This is the formula you must remember: 1945 plus 40 years equals 1985. Three more years brings us to 1988. Forty-three years are equivalent to the 430 years the Israelites were in Egypt, the sojourners' land. In a way, the Unification Church has been dwelling in the worldwide Egypt—the satanic world, the sojourners' land—for these 43 years. After 430 years the Israelites made their Exodus and entered the land of Canaan. Now the Unification Church has come to the point where our Exodus shall occur and we shall go into Canaan.

The Israelites were like prisoners of war; they were originally meant to be in the position of kings and queens, but they were made into slaves. In the same way, I am in the king's position; I was captured by Egypt's power and was given a slave's work in order to restore those 430 years as well as the 4,000 years of human history since Abraham. The time has come now to get out of Egypt. The shackles of slavery have to be cast off. We must go through the Sinai desert successfully and enter Canaan. But we are not

going out alone; we are also taking the American people, the nation, and the government with us into the land of Canaan.

The year 1988 is, therefore, a most crucial moment in dispensational history. Not only ourselves but also the American nation as a whole shall be focused and dedicated to victory in 1988. We must mobilize the spirit world. Without that, no great crusade can be successful. Each one of you must set enough conditions so that the spirit world can come down and assist you. During the time of the great plagues upon the land of Egypt, the Israelites were instructed to protect themselves by putting lamb's blood on their doorposts. By doing that, the angel of death passed over their houses and the Israelites were spared. But all the first-born sons in every other home throughout Egypt were killed. The Israelites were saved by that condition of the lamb's blood. You must set a similar condition, by posting the lamb's blood in a symbolic way, so that the power of death can pass over you.

POSTERS IN EVERY VILLAGE

This condition can be set this year by posterizing in every town. Our footprints must be made. A special poster is being designed by CAUSA USA to say "One World Under God." These posters will be put up on every large tree and on buildings in every town in the United States so that the power of death can pass over the people. Blessing can come to those places because of this. Volunteers will drive from town to town, from city to city, in order to cover the entire country. This spectacular patriotic movement will lift up the nation in a new wave of patriotism. As they move

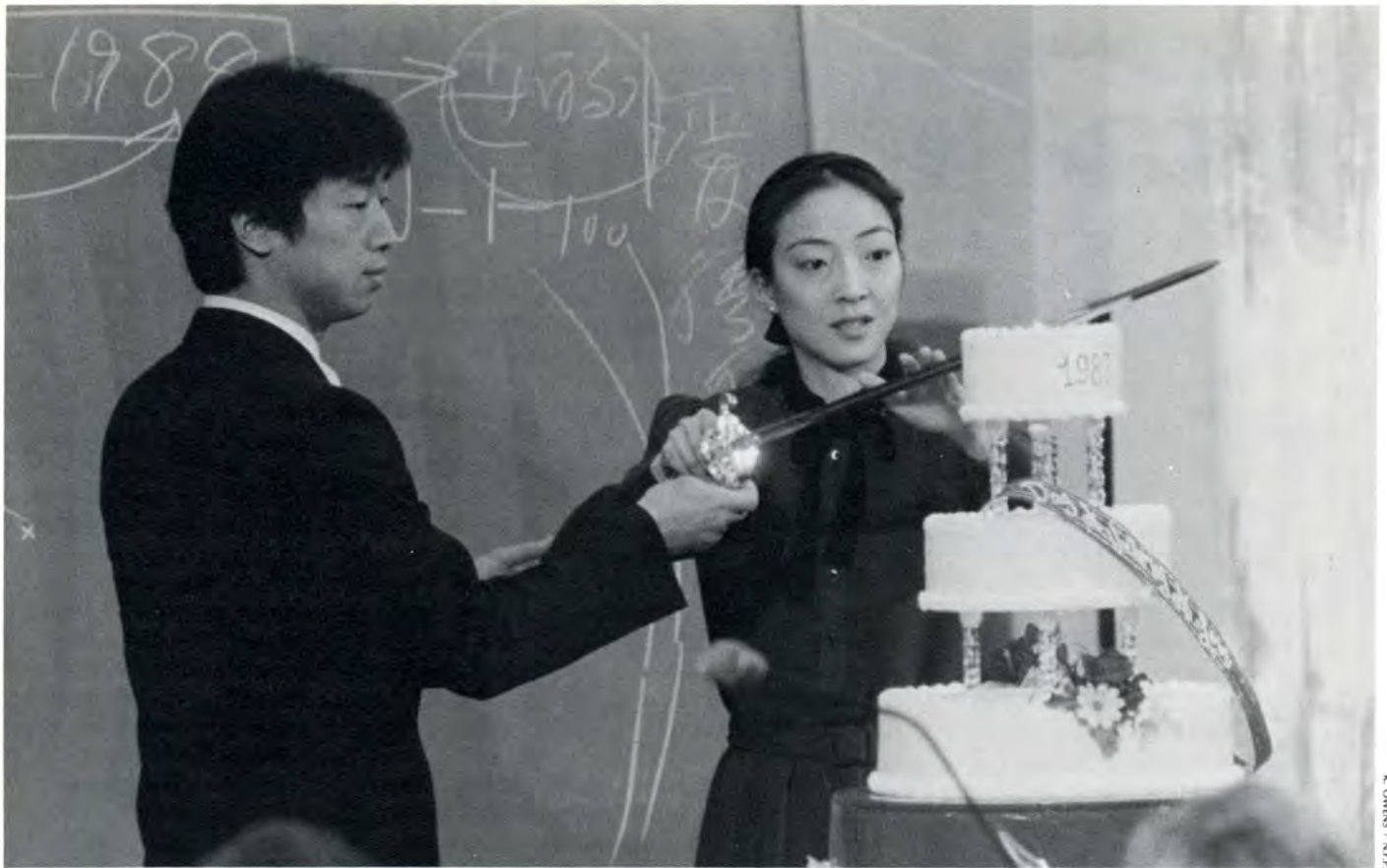
around the country, it will almost be like a heavenly army swarming across the nation, everywhere.

This will invoke the power of spirit world; incredible assistance will come to the towns where the posters have been put up. The villagers of those towns, even without knowing why, will feel uplifted and inspired to do something about the country. Such a booming spirit will be mobilized that the people of this country will want to pick truly God-centered people in the next elections for Congress and the White House.

One major difference between you and me is that you don't have a true sense of timing. I have an absolute awareness of where we are on God's timetable. Gradually we are coming to the point where any political leader who is aspiring for the White House will have to be united with God's ideal.



Hoon Sook Nim, the wife of Heung Jin Nim, is honored after Father's speech.



Hyo Jin Nim and Hoon Sook Nim cut the cake commemorating Heung Jin Nim's victory.

In 70 days CAUSA USA volunteers had the power to get the signatures of 10 million Americans. If you put the posters up you can buy a bugle so you can blow it and declare to the world, "Come and hear! The time has come for unity! We will make this one world under God!" When you blow the bugle, those 10 million people will be drawn to you. You can say, "Please join with us! Go out and poster your own villages, churches, and neighborhoods. Bring your relatives and friends, too." You can assemble people in the towns and make moving speeches about patriotism. Let the people become excited and inspired so that they can commit themselves to the cause. You can organize them and push them out to do the same as you.

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN

The ultimate goal is to enter the worldwide land of Canaan. However, after the Israelites entered Canaan, they suffered many difficulties. Why? Instead of setting a new tradition in the land of Canaan, a God-centered way of life, they succumbed to the influence of the surrounding satanic culture. They became part of that culture and came to love money and material things. They wanted to keep the good things for themselves, even though that was not what God wanted them to do. They were supposed to love and promote a God-centered nation first; then they would have been free to enjoy material goods. But they put themselves first, rather than the nation. Eventually the Israelites were demolished.

You need to come to the realization of how much suffering I have gone through to erect the foundation over these

40 years. My suffering was unbelievable. When you consider that today's foundation is erected upon that suffering and that all I want to do is pass this foundation on to you, how can you say, "I am not willing to be mobilized. I don't want to go the road of suffering"? Actually, I have suffered because of you—and your relatives, your parents, and your ancestors. Also, I have suffered because of your nation. I paid indemnity for all of them. Now it is your turn. I walked this road of suffering for 40 years and I am asking you to walk it within seven years. Then you can inherit my foundation.

I laid this foundation under incredible opposition, including being incarcerated in prison on many different occasions. Under those extremely adverse conditions I could accomplish God's will, so how can you say you cannot do this, now that there is a more welcoming atmosphere in the world? Anybody who wants to inherit this foundation without doing his share of the responsibility is like a thief. You are following me, so you must follow my example; you must walk my path. Your job is actually simple, because I have already done 95 percent of the work. All you have to do is continue during these next two years. How can you say you won't do it? Those who will do it, raise your hands, please.

Today is the Day of Victory of Love. The significance of this day is to conquer the realm of death, so death shall be no more. We are victorious. Love has won. True Parents have won. Upon this foundation, we shall do it. Thank you very much and God bless you. □

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FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

By Rev. Joong Hyun Pak



BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SUPREME good fortune to be living on earth at the same moment as our True Parents, we ordinary people have the opportunity to become truly extraordinary. We can learn how to become such people by studying the life of John the Revelator, who is called the Disciple of Love.

Jesus had three key disciples: Peter, James, and John. Peter symbolizes faith and stands in the Adam position. At one crucial point Peter denied Jesus but later repented and faithfully served Jesus until he was crucified upside down, refusing to be killed in the same position as his Lord. James, a symbol of hope, represents Jesus' position. He was the first disciple to be martyred after Jesus' crucifixion. John symbolizes love and stands in the position of the Lord of the Second Coming.

A mutually precious bond

An ordinary man, John became a very special disciple to Jesus. He is described in the Bible as Jesus' most beloved disciple (John 13:23). Internally and externally he was very close to Jesus, and their enviable relationship was that of dear friends as well as that of parent and child. How did such a mutually precious bond develop?

We learn from the Bible that John and his family, like most of us, were rather simple, ordinary people. John's father was a successful fisherman,

and before his association with Jesus, John seems to have received no special training or education (Acts 4:13). About his character, Jesus once said that John could be like a bolt of lightning. We can imagine, then, that John was an uneducated, non-intellectual person who tended to be impatient and hot-tempered at times (Mark 3:17). Normally, we would not have great expectations for this kind of person, but in fact he became Jesus' foremost disciple of love.

John understood that love must also be strong and truthfully corrective in order to generate the power to defeat Satan.

John lived near the Sea of Galilee and first was a follower of John the Baptist. He completely trusted John when he testified that Jesus was the Messiah. Both he and Andrew witnessed the Baptist's declaration about Jesus, and remained Jesus' disciples even when John the Baptist wavered and failed to follow. Why?

John had the precious ability to deeply *perceive* Jesus' identity and value. Despite Jesus' externally humble

appearance, John was able to see, as if through the eyes of God, the divine essence and importance of this man and to emphatically declare it to others. Eighty-five times in the Bible John proclaims his conviction that Jesus is the Messiah. Without his own absolute knowledge of Jesus' identity, how could he so powerfully strive to convince others?

John also had the sensitivity and trust to deeply respond to Jesus' heart and love. He received greater power and understanding from both God and Jesus than the other disciples did. God cares equally about everyone, but He can have a greater exchange of love with those who most believe, trust, and respond to Him. Many of us wait for God to give us love, without making the heartistic effort ourselves. Our ability to respond to God is of paramount importance in determining the intimacy of our relationship with Him.

Directly from the heart

The first chapter of the Book of Matthew describes the lineage of Jesus, emphasizing that he was the descendant of both David and Abraham. Matthew bears witness to Jesus as the Messiah through acknowledging his prophesied, righteous ancestry. This view, however, is rather intellectual.

John's perception, on the other hand, is incredibly deep and internal. Rather than providing historical data,

he focuses on trying to convey the cosmic significance of Jesus. In the first chapter of the Book of John, as well as in his first letter, John asserts that the essence of Jesus existed from the very beginning with God—even before Abraham—and that the incarnation of this many-faceted essence of truth, light, and love is Jesus. He is the first to fully embody God's image and ideal, the logos through which and for which the world was created. To be able to perceive Jesus in this way, especially with little prior education about who or what a Messiah is, is phenomenal.

In 1 John 4:7-12 we find expressed a message which seems to come directly from the heart of God.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Throughout the 66 books of the Bible we read how people have sought to grasp the meaning of their existence and have asked God to deepen their understanding. Finally, towards the end of the Bible, John encapsulates the primary message of the Bible—that the absolute core and purpose of our life is to know the true love of God. Therefore, in human history, John is a most special "ordinary" person because he could share his deep experiential understanding of God's substantial love. He could not have written in such a way about love if he did not have direct experience of it.

Grasp the eternal value

We ourselves should yearn to have the sensitivity and intuition that John exemplifies. How much do we deeply recognize the immense value and purity of our True Parents? How many times have we looked at Father too humanistically or intellectually



John, the Disciple of Love.

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and even been skeptical of his plans and guidance? While imprisoned in Danbury, Father had a vision for America's future, as did Daniel in the Babylonian dungeon and Joseph in Pharaoh's prison. Many righteous

Americans are beginning to recognize Father's vision and unchanging love for America and the world. But sometimes brothers and sisters lose sight of the value of Father's work and, more importantly, cannot grasp the eternal, intrinsic value of True Parents.

True Parents are God's visible representatives on earth, and they have willingly assumed the crushing burden of responsibility to accomplish God's desire. To love God is to love True Parents. The more purely we can trust and believe in God and True Parents, the deeper our exchange of love with them can be.

Let us understand more specifically how John developed into a historical disciple of love. When people did not respond when John went witnessing,

he became very angry (Mark 9:38). He told Jesus that if people did not follow after he witnessed to them, he felt hate for them. Jesus was shocked, and he scolded him (Mark 9:39-40). He admonished John that his angry response created more trouble than benefit for Jesus. With love, Jesus instructed John very simply that to truly be his disciple, he must love others as Jesus loved him (John 13:34-35). Humbly and sincerely John received his guidance and made great effort to obey. John began with strong belief in Jesus, and through his absolute trust in Jesus' guidance, he could go beyond his frustration to the point of loving those who rejected him.

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In the same way, we have received from True Parents priceless love and guidance, and we need to impart this to others no matter what the difficul-

ties. Despite Father's receiving utterly unfair treatment, he has never complained and continues to work day and night educating, serving, and loving. Because of the example of our True Parents, we have the power to smile warmly at people no matter how coldly they treat us.

Courageous love

How did John express the love he received from God and Jesus? Some of us think mainly of the gentle, soft, smiling, forgiving aspect of love. If someone speaks harshly we may not feel that person is giving love. But the disciple John understood that love must also be strong and truthfully corrective in order to generate the power to defeat Satan and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. John loved with courage.

Of those close to Jesus, only Jesus' mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, and John witnessed Jesus' crucifixion. When Jesus saw his mother and "the disciple whom he loved" standing near her, he asked that they become as mother and son. Jesus felt so close in heart to John that he entrusted to him the care of his mother; perhaps Jesus also desired that his mother could one day come to love him as John loved him. If John had not courageously come to Jesus' crucifixion, how could Jesus have given him such a position in the final moments of his life?

John's understanding of true love poured out in his practice of it. After Jesus' crucifixion and ascension, John went to Peter and helped pioneer many churches (Galatians 2:9). He healed people and even suffered through frequent imprisonments. His entire life was spent as a world missionary—never did he return to his home country of Palestine.

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Toward the end of his life, John was exiled to the lonely, windy island of Patmos, where Jesus revealed to him amazing visions of the future, which became the Book of Revelation. There were other disciples working faithfully for Jesus at that time, but the fact that Jesus chose John to receive these revelations indicates how deeply united in heart they were. We can imagine that Jesus had recognized John's potential for greater heartistic understanding and was able to confide in him a depth of insight beyond that which he taught more publicly. It was through John that Jesus could most freely reveal the magnificence of the Second Advent and the coming dawn of a "new heaven and a new earth." A consciousness tinged with skepticism or limited by worldly pragmatism could never have channeled such revelation to the world.

Emulate John's example

John, alone among the original disciples, was never martyred, but lived over 90 years, symbolizing the Second Coming of Christ, who must live to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Even though he eventually couldn't walk, John witnessed till the time of his death. In his sermons he consistently and simply taught, "My beloved sons and daughters, please love one another." When asked why he reiterated this basic instruction so many times, he answered, "Because

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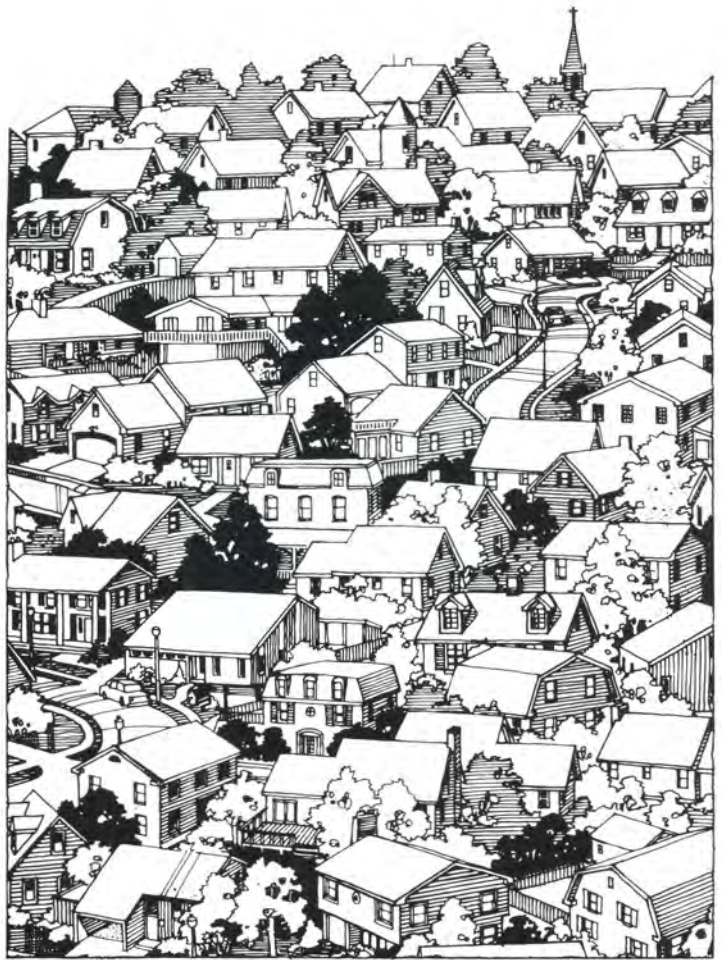


A North Korean man meets his sister in South Korea after 43 years of separation. He did not remember her face, but because she looked like his older sister, he knew it was she. (Reprinted from the Sae Gae Times.)

THE IDEAL HOME CHURCH

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PART II



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THERE IS A CERTAIN DEBT THAT HAS TO BE PAID IN TERMS of human responsibility on all levels, from the individual through the world level. In order to pay the debt, I did it all alone, by myself. I want you to know that unless I release this inheritance to you, no one will even come near to entering the Kingdom of Heaven. Do you follow? I have to liberate you. Without being liberated by me, no one will ever enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Even if you suffer in prison yourself, even die in a prison cell, it doesn't make any difference unless you receive this liberation.

In order to be liberated, the first condition is that no one should ever complain. Complaint is unacceptable. There is no way you can receive liberation while complaining. You should be obedient to the end, for as long as there is a road of providence. I came to this country 15 years ago, and all this time I have been ridiculed and persecuted. But I did it voluntarily. The entire world's persecution cannot prevail over me; I have accepted the condition to fulfill human responsibility on a worldwide scale at all costs.

For those of you who cannot fulfill human responsibility, there is no room for you in the Kingdom of Heaven. All this time, who has accomplished human responsibility? (Father.) And what position am I in? (True Parents.) Actually, the True Parents are not supposed to suffer. Mother and I left the position of True Parents and entered into the children's position and took the children's burden upon our own shoulders. Why did I have to suffer for 40 years? Because I was trying to take human responsibility away from Satan. None of you know how I fulfilled the condi-

tions at each stage up to the eighth stage, but unless you understand this and follow my tradition, all your effort will be in vain. Nothing will come of it. You must learn from me the exact way to fulfill human responsibility, and then you have to do it. Without doing it there is no fulfillment.

ONLY BY TRUE LOVE

Do you think you can buy the fulfillment of human responsibility with US dollars? If you gave heaven and earth as a payment, you could not buy it. You can fulfill human responsibility by only one thing: by possessing true love. With true love alone human responsibility is fulfilled.

Satan fears true love. Do you think true love fears Satan? No. Is the person who has true love afraid of prison?

Those who go to prison have no problem if they go for the sake of true love. I entered prison six times. How many times have you been in and out of prison? How many of you are thinking, "Well, Father went six times, so I should go for three days, or at least for two hours"? In reality, you should do much more than that. Because of your own failure and your own sin, True Parents bore the burden on your behalf. In order to show your appreciation and gratitude that is due them, you should do more than True Parents have done.

I have a lot of enemies, but I have no time to remember those enemies. I do a lot of good deeds but then I forget about them in the next moment. If I accomplished certain things in a village, I later may walk by that village as if nothing ever happened there. I never think, "I sure did a great job there. Bravo to me!" I never have that arrogant

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feeling simply because I always see that when one stage is over, another stage must be reached. When that stage is over, there is yet another stage. It is an endless process, an uphill battle all the way. I know the reality that unless you reach the worldwide and universal dispensational levels, the rest of your accomplishments by themselves amount to nothing.

Think of what an extraordinary man in history you have met. But this man is not just a guest that you meet today and tomorrow have nothing to do with. This extraordinary hero is the eternal True Parent. This time of True Parents comes only once. It has never come before and it will never come again. It is an incredible blessing to be born at this time, to be a contemporary of the True Parents, to receive education from the True Parents directly, to breathe the same air, to receive the same sunshine, and to enjoy food and water at the same time. This is the greatest blessing any mortal man could dream of.

WORD AND DEED MUST COME TOGETHER

Among men born of women, there was nobody greater than John the Baptist, but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. You are spiritually receiving the greatest benefit of all, but here on earth while serving True Parents you look like the least. However, by meeting and serving True Parents you are suddenly becoming historical and extraordinary men and women. You must come to that realization. This is the great blessing that the members of the Unification Church can cherish. Some of you just say with your lips, "Oh, True Parents, we love you, we love you." But in your heart, you're trying to give more suffering and more burden to True Parents. This is unfair. Your deeds and your words must come together. You like to be inspired, but you don't want to do the deeds. This is an incompatible, paradoxical situation. You want to see me, you want to meet me, you want to receive my love, but you don't want to follow my words. This is not fair.

There is a heavenly dispensational pattern to everything. The pattern was set by Jacob and later followed by Moses, by Jesus, and by me. You too should follow my course; there is no way out. Those who say, "Oh, I don't want to bother with following Father's pattern," pack up and get out of this place. You have nothing to do with me. If, after all these things I have taught you, you cannot follow these conditions, when you enter the spirit world your ancestors will accuse you. You will be bound by your own deeds and your own words. Don't you think the spirit world is listening and following my words? If the spirit world is following my pattern, shouldn't you also follow my pattern? You are the representatives of Adam and Eve, and the spirit world is in the archangel position. You are in a position to command the spirit world; you should be moving ahead of the spirit world.

Why do you pray every day in the name of True Parents? In that name your prayer can be listened to. That is the most victorious name in the universe—the name that can conquer the satanic world. Have you not only been praying in the True Parents' name but praising True Parents' name? Have you glorified True Parents? In order to glorify the True Parents, you should bear the cross. That means you are willing to say, "On behalf of True Father, I will take up the cross." I know that you don't even bear your own cross, so how can you bear the cross of True Parents?

You may be thinking, "Oh, I wish Unificationism gave me a little more freedom. I wish Father would let me do the things I like to do." Who is the king Satan in our world today? Selfishness and manifestations of self-centeredness are the king Satan. If everybody else is working hard and suffering, do you think, "Oh, I don't have to do that. I'll just let them do it and I'll relax and have a good time"? Don't you think your conscience would be bothered?

THE COVENANT OF HOME CHURCH

What kind of gift would you like to receive from me? The most important gift you should want to receive from me is liberation through human responsibility. What if I sent you and your husband to Africa for the rest of your life to serve in one of those poverty-stricken nations? If that was the only way to receive liberation, would you do it? What about living like a beggar? It is not the role of a king. If you are treated like a king or queen, you're not making the right conditions. That's not suffering. If you say, "No, no, Father, I don't like that kind of human responsibility, give me something a little better," that proves you are still chained to Satan's side. In order to receive liberation through human responsibility so that you can be completely unchained from Satan, I have set up one conditional mission for all of you to follow. That is nothing other than the ideal home church.

What is home church? I gave you a motto once: Home church is the base of the Kingdom of Heaven. Home church is the place where you can receive liberation. I taught you so many times that without going through the home church providence, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the covenant between God, Satan, and myself. For anybody who fulfills his home church responsibility, Satan will have to sign a certificate and send it to True Parents. True Parents will approve it and that person will be entitled to the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you are in your 360-home area, if everybody is happy to see you and welcomes you and asks you to come in, that means you have become their master. Only those of you who can love the people with a parental heart will be received like that. That is the criterion for accomplishing the home church providence—whether you are welcomed into the 360 homes. If the people love you more

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than they love their own parents, more than their own husbands and wives, and even more than their own children, then you are worthy.

Where shall we begin home church? It has already started in the United States. This is the ideal country to start because in every level of society there is alienation and separation. There is no love here. There is no true parental love, no true conjugal love, no true children's love, nothing. Everyone is starving to death for love. If you become the personification of love, you will be received like God, like a true parent. So far, home church has been difficult because I was still being persecuted on the national level. But times have changed. Ten million people have signed the CAUSA USA petition. In this kind of atmosphere, the home church providence will be much easier.

Ten million people now echo these ideas, and just three percent of that is 300,000. Roughly 300,000 people can totally cover this nation in a huge network. When I was in Danbury, I sent out Principle tapes, a letter, and a book of my sermons to 350,000 clergymen in this country. I would like these ministers to become part of the central mission, to be connecting points in the home church providence.

When America enters into the home church era and is entirely covered by the home church providence, what do you think will happen in the rest of the world? Will they follow the home church pattern or not? (Yes.)

If you take an examination, someone else has to give you the test. You cannot create your own test. For the home church examination, who should give you the test? True Parents. The examination given by the True Parents has eternal standing. If you pass, you will go upward all the way. If you fail, you will have flunked for eternity. This is very serious. You have been doing home church sporadically, but you should know that when 1988 comes, all the Unification members will be judged by what kind of home church they have developed. Your home church record will come with you. Without a home church area and accomplishment, you simply will not be able to see True Parents. No matter what you do in the Unification Church, if you are without a home church background you won't be accepted.

What is going to happen in the future? Eventually, there will be no more areas left in the United States. All people will have to get an area, so they will volunteer to go to Africa to get their 360 homes. People will flock into China. There are a lot of people there—one billion. Truly, the whole world will be knit together by home church, and eventually the Kingdom of Heaven will be ushered in through the home church providence.

RECOVER THE THIRD LEVEL

I spoke about home church in 1978, and I have been speaking about it now for eight years. From 1987 on, we will

renew our dedication. A new beginning will be set on the first day of 1987. Those who think, "Yes, it is a definite necessity. Yes, Father, I know it and I feel it," raise your hands, please. Everybody wants to go to heaven, that's for sure. Nobody wants to miss the boat.

I have been suffering simply because of human responsibility. The hill of human responsibility has to be climbed. The restoration process goes from the enemy position to the servant-of-servants' position, to the servant's position, to the adopted son's position, to the son's position, and finally to the True Parents' position. When you start out and go all the way to the bottom first, Satan simply cannot follow you down there. Satan has a limit. All this time, Satan has always been with you. But if you go down, down, down, Satan will say, "Where are you going?" You will say, "I'm going further down. Bye-bye!" Satan will have to say, "I cannot follow you any more." Satan is arrogant; he has a limit as to how humble he can be. But you are limitless, so if you go down to the bottom you will be separated from Satan. Then you can go back up to stage one.

At the individual and family levels Satan will follow you again, but Satan can only come up to the third level, the level of the tribe, and then no higher. The reason is that from the third level on, True Parents have declared victory; True Parents have liquidated the satanic elements. There is no way satanic elements can creep in above this point. This is the limit. Jesus' crucifixion came at the tribal level; Satan entered and completely demolished the dispensation at this level. Therefore, the blessing must come upon the tribal level. This is the level that you have to pay indemnity to recover. Above the tribal level, True Parents have conquered all. I came all the way up from the bottom, going through the individual, family, tribal, national, world, and universal levels. Once I covered them all the way up to the top, the resistance and the rejection were eliminated and the welcoming element set in. Instead of rejecting me, the world is now ready to welcome and embrace me.

Two hundred volumes of my speeches are now being published in Korea, but that only scratches the surface. There are hundreds more volumes to come some day, all the words I have spoken over the years. So you have a lot to study. Now Book 34 has just been completed. If you buy a first edition you will have an archive edition to pass on to your children and your grandchildren as an incredible treasure. You should buy all of these volumes in the original language, Korean. So you have to know the language. When you study this material you will receive all the elements of truth you will need for an entire lifetime. The Japanese members are buying 4,000 volumes each time another volume is published. How many books does the United States buy? That means you are not really Moonies, because Moonies need to hear my words, spoken in the mother tongue.

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THE POTENTIAL IS OUT THERE

I want you to understand—no parents want their children to suffer. There is no such parent. Parents are always trying to take the suffering of their children upon their own shoulders. This is the parental heart. Therefore, what I am giving you today is the bare minimum you have to do to qualify for citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven.

One million people signed the CAUSA USA petition forms in the New York area. There are roughly 10 million people in New York, so that means one tenth of the population signed. So in your neighborhood, 36 homes are potentially ready to welcome the ideals of CAUSA. If there are 4 people per household, that means that 144 people are prepared. That potential is out there.

I came to America to save this country. The number-one condition for 10 million people to sign was the unity between the clergy and the Unification Church, because Cain and Abel must be united in order for True Parents to come.

Who shall be the eldest brother? In the fallen world, the elder son is always Cain. But in the restored world, the elder son should be the number-one pillar of the dispensation. The Unification Church is the restored world, so you shall be in the elder son's position. You have to make a tradition of unification; you have to create a standard and a foundation. From now on, you must make your foundation as an elder son on the heavenly side. What is the elder son's tradition in the Unification Church? Home church. That is your tradition. Start out by doing home church yourself and then teach others.

There are all kinds of people in every neighborhood—ministers, generals, government officials, congressmen, senators. Everybody is included. In order to deal with these powerful people we must be united on one common goal. I want them to know that Moonies are not weak, trivial people.

HOME CHURCH NETWORK

From tomorrow morning on, we will have a new greeting amongst ourselves. In the morning we will say, "Good morning! Going home church!" In the afternoon we will say, "Good afternoon! Going home church!" And in the evening, "Good night! Going home church!" Satan works at night, so we've got to work at night as well. The year 1987 will absolutely be the home church year.

Through home church, you can restore up to the tribal level and become the tribal messiah. Once you reach the tribal messiah level, you can make it to the national, world, and cosmic levels immediately. This is the True Parents' level. All the future leaders of the Unification movement will be those who are champions of home church. They will become the home church leaders.

There is already a solid home church foundation in Brazil. I introduced the home church providence there several years ago, and I encouraged them to do some kind of service project. In all 24 states, bread factories were established. Every morning from four o'clock on, tons of bread are baked. All Unification members in Brazil, from the leaders on down, hand carry and distribute the bread throughout each district. That's the way they do home church. Not only do they feed them bread—Jesus said you cannot live by bread alone—but they give them truth too, and true love. This is how Brazil has become the most successful home church country.

How can you get rid of Satan? This is the way, through home church. You should be doing something in your area every day, regularly; you should have some kind of duty that requires you to go out to the people. In New York we have two newspapers, the *New York City Tribune* and *Noticias del Mundo*. You should feel that the *Tribune* and *Noticias* are your own newspapers. You should be able to get at least 120 subscriptions in your area. That way we can truly bring a new spiritual element to New York City.

At this moment, I am asking Rev. Kwak to be responsible for the home church providence, including everyone in the New York area. We will tighten up the previous organization and tighten up the providential home church system in New York.

The home church network will become an economic, fundraising network. Economic activities should be done through groups and organizations, not individuals. My hope is that those who do home church successfully will also be successful economically. They will become recognized local community leaders.

Yes, money is needed. But more important is human responsibility. You've got to grab it. You've got to hold onto it. You know that very clearly now, don't you? Everybody inspire each other with home church! Do not be individualistic. Bring out everybody, encourage each other. "Let's go! Let's go! Let's go out to home church!"

You have no idea how lonely I have been. Even Mother doesn't know, even my own children don't know. The only ones who know are God and myself. I don't want you to be indebted to me, but I want to be indebted to you.

I am moving on to another level of the dispensation. Home church is your level. If you do home church well, all will be accomplished according to God's wishes. You will become great men and women, historical champions. All these things can be accomplished through the fulfillment of the ideal home church. There's nothing more important—not your own parents, not your own children, not your own husband or wife. Nothing is more important at this time than to fulfill the ideal home church. □

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The Significance of Home Church

As Father has announced that 1987 is the year of a new beginning and new dedication to home church, Today's World will present this column each month, featuring excerpts from the book Home Church or Father's speeches on this topic.

At first man lived in God's realm, but after the fall he sank down to the realm God has nothing to do with. There is no direction or ideal in that realm. People today characteristically don't know where they are going or what is about to happen. They are in this godless realm, praying for direction. Now the individual has a small problem, then his family has a larger problem, and all the time the clan and society are groping; when the end of the world comes the whole world is groping, no better off than the individual who is searching. The people of the world have no idea that something new might be coming but remain in their limited realm.

God works by finding one individual in this realm and leading him to God's side. He does not choose arbitrarily, but takes a few from the world, a few from the nation, a few from society, and a few from a certain family, setting up all the stages. Then for the first time in history God will teach them what the world of original creation is about. By learning it clearly they will be able to go to home church and prosper, ultimately going to various parts of the existing society that have lost direction. Through these people, God wants to show mankind the complete individual, the complete family, and so on. He is looking clearly at the purpose of creation and will always go straight that way. His people will have such a deep love as others never thought possible in ordinary people.

The Way of Prosperity and Defeat
3/11/79, Belvedere

There are examinations to be passed on the family, society, nation, and world levels. How many levels have you passed? Unless you pass at each level how can you restore the family? When you restore the family it means you have achieved the original ideal of creation, and if you reach that level then no matter what persecution and opposition come, you will not be affected. Your family should be like Adam's in the garden of Eden. There was no opposition or rejection in Eden because there were no other people, and as long as Adam and Eve obeyed God they could have had the easiest way of fulfilling home church. Today you should fulfill that role of Adam's family. Even though you may falter, you can regain strength because your Father and Mother have done it—they are strong and have met God's standard and you are their children. You can think that even though you have your weaknesses, you will pick yourself up and go on ultimately to be like the True Parents.

Restored Family
1/21/79, Belvedere

In the dispensation of salvation God has worked to recreate mankind, and now we are doing the same thing. Where are we going to do it? Home church has a direct connection with the four position foundation. The home is

the place where the four position foundation is created. The four position foundation is found everywhere here on earth, but with Satan at the center. We are going to change it into God's four position foundation.

The Dispensation of Restoration and Myself
4/6/80, Belvedere

The Unification Church home church crusade is truly a blessing. The home church model is already carved out, and all you have to do is to put it together, and then God will give you the full blessing. You can do home church everywhere, including the communist world. Home church is the restoration of heaven, the launching pad toward heaven. Anything that is launched from the home church pad will be shot right into the Kingdom of Heaven. Who is going to ride on that rocket? It will be your entire family, your entire tribe, all the people surrounding you.

World Conference
2/25/80, World Mission Center

So far the goal of religion has been how "I" as an individual can be saved, but our goal is not individual salvation. We are going to bring the entire tribe into heaven at once. If your 360 homes have faith in you, love you, and believe in you, they will be saved. As you are saved, they will be saved. In the history of religion this kind of privilege never existed. Religion has never before included salvation for the whole family, but rather encouraged separation and meditation alone in the mountains.

Now I am proclaiming, "Go love your wife and your husband, love your children and your neighbors and bring them together into the Kingdom of Heaven." Such a privilege never existed until this time in history. An amazing era has arrived. Home church is the privilege God has given to you. If you set the conditions to let the people know the truth and love you, He will save everyone you recommend in your 360 homes.

Actually, in order to come to perfection you have to go through all the paths. In the home church you are creating a miniature world but God will still give you full credit. Jesus gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Simon Peter for individual salvation, but now I am handing out the key that can save the entire tribe as one unit. I am anointing you as messiahs, and whoever you bring will receive salvation. What a promise! Those are not empty words but a promise that will be redeemed in the Kingdom of Heaven in spirit world.

The Critical Turning Point of the Dispensation of God
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ATTENDANCE AND INHERITANCE

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak
Guidance to the national leaders
at the 120-day training
World Mission Center, 1981

AS THE CHILDREN'S AGE BEGINS, FATHER IS EMPHASIZING the importance of all members fulfilling their responsibility of home church. Father is also asking leaders to accomplish this responsibility. Leaders must truly be representatives of the True Parents, and not only in the realm of home church. Leaders must take particular care to overcome the barriers of nationality and race. Father has proclaimed that we are to be in the position of tribal messiahs, representing Father and Mother ourselves.

We must eventually come to the conclusion that our way of thinking has not reached Father's ideal.

I know you have been nurturing and developing this attitude and have been trying for a long time to inherit Father's tradition. But because Father is still urging us to do this, we must not have accomplished it to his satisfaction yet. I ask you all to search your heart and understand this.

For some years, all of Father's speeches have been connected to the home church providence. Sometimes we feel that we already know what Father is saying and wonder why he continually repeats the same message. But we must overcome the tendency to pass judgment. If Father has to ask us again and again to do something, there must be some reason. We must eventually come to the conclusion that our way of thinking has not reached Father's ideal. If we can humbly accept this, we can make a new start.

As leaders, we should especially feel the desire to become like a branch or a limb of Father's body. It is our constant struggle to keep the same attitude as True Parents and to maintain the tradition of following Father's directions. Our present attitude is not adequate. It is hard to be humble to one another and create harmony.

Through this 120-day training we should try to achieve this horizontal standard. Yet the unity we create with our brothers and sisters is not the single most important thing in our life of faith. More important is that we stand in the position of representing True Parents. We may have studied the history of our True Parents, their tradition, and their ideals, but unfortunately we have not understood their heart fully.

Gaining wisdom

Many of us have been leaders for more than 10 or 15 years, yet each of us needs more heart, more knowledge. I have determined that my whole life should be a life of study, since there is no limit in acquiring spiritual wisdom. I'm sure you have had many exciting experiences in your life of faith; no doubt you sometimes touched what I call "the wisdom of faith." How valuable this is! I hope you can continue to develop a sense of spiritual or vertical wisdom, not just ordinary or horizontal knowledge. The main purpose of gaining such wisdom is to inherit True Parents' tradition.

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We may think of tradition in connection with formal services and public life. Yes, the daily rituals we perform are certainly "traditions," but by far the most important tradition is that of unconditional love. The goal of every Unification Church member is faithful attendance to the True Parents and the True Family. Therefore, we need to graduate from performing mere external traditions to developing an internal attitude of "heartle" [a word coined by Father meaning *heart and love*].

Recently, several scholars connected to our movement have expressed concern about our church's future. They feel that it would be impossible for anyone to take over Father's position, even externally. I have told these scholars not to worry because the tradition of heavenly heart is eternal. However, in one sense no one of us can take Father's place because, although we can represent him in certain ways, we do not possess his quality of parental love. Therefore, I encourage you not to concentrate on your external position, either on keeping it or on changing it. The main thing is to actually inherit Father's heart.

We should not simply copy Father's external methods out of respect. Father is more than just our leader; he is our parent. Sons and daughters automatically inherit their parents' tradition and their love, but we are not the physical children of True Parents. Our problem, our challenge, is to reach the position of true son or daughter of the True Parents.

A tremendous price

No one can deny or destroy the position of the True Children. Each of them is True Parents' own, and remains their child no matter what the circumstances. But because we are not the actual sons and daughters of True Parents, Father has had to literally shed tears, sweat, and blood in order to claim us from Satan's dominion. Father made this effort, not us. Through this painful process and the tremendous price he paid, he came to stand in the position of parent to us. In order to substantiate our position as his "real" children, he spends a great deal of time with us and continually sacrifices for us. Throughout his sorrowful course, he has always taken our burdens on his shoulders. This was not done through reason but through his love.

I encourage you not to concentrate on your external position, either on keeping it or on changing it. The main thing is to inherit Father's heart.

Father loved Won Pil Kim, the first member, more than he showed love to his own children. But because he is the "owner" of love, he cannot help but feel tremendous pain at not having been able to love his own physical children. He had to pay a higher price for our salvation because we are not his real sons and daughters. Our mistake is that we are ignorant about Father and do not understand this main point. Think about his life. Think about the sacrifices he has made, the pain he has endured, all because of us. He has to keep his mind unwavering and constant in order to secure us as his own children.

Therefore, in all circumstances, we have to have unchanging loyalty toward Father—no matter how much he pushes us, no matter how much he scolds us. We must maintain the heartfelt relationship of a child to his parent. This is the key.

Father has paid such a great price for us that there is no way we could ever repay him. Although we might receive

a position of leadership from him, if we fail to inherit his heart we can never become his true son or daughter. After we go to the spirit world, what will remain eternally from all that we achieved in our physical life? Certainly not our position as a leader. Such a title is of no use in the Kingdom of Heaven. The only title of any worth will be that of true son or daughter of God and True Parents. The closest of all relationships is that between a parent and child. If we cannot first have the heart of a child, how can we later possess parental love?

Our historical challenge

This is our age—the Children's Age. Our original mind knows exactly what to do—to become absolutely steadfast in our relationship toward True Parents, to know with complete assurance that Father is my father, Mother is my mother. If there is any separation, we need to find out why and seek to overcome the obstacles.

Throughout his sorrowful course, Father has always taken our burdens on his shoulders. This was not done through reason but through his love.

To become true sons and daughters we should first think about the process of restoration, and second, how True Parents have worked and paid the price for us to become their true children. Under all circumstances we must believe in and attend our True Parents. Through this, we externally lay a foundation for our rebirth. Before our birth, we lived within our physical mother's womb, and even before that we were part of the seed of our physical father. How can we overcome our fallen lineage and become spiritually reborn?

Father has said that on the path of restoration we must pass through the positions of enemy, servant of servants, servant, adopted child, and true child, finally reaching the position of true parent. So even though Father might speak to us harshly, as to an enemy, we must accept this and go beyond this position by becoming first a servant of servants, then a servant, and so forth, on our way to becoming his true child. It is sometimes a shock to us when Father scolds and reprimands us. Often we cannot understand, and we think, "You are my father. How can you say this to me?" Starting out in the enemy position in relationship to Father is a historical challenge, but we must master our emotions in this situation if we are to grow beyond this position and become his true sons and daughters.

Even though we have tried many times to follow Father's directions and to overcome any feelings that create barriers to our growth, such as nationalistic pride, Father still asks us to overcome again and again. In such circumstances we need to keep a constantly loyal and faithful mind. In our day-to-day life of faith we should focus on the goal of attendance and inheritance, and especially we need to feel that True Parents are our parents eternally. □

"WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?"

Spiritual Messages from the Prophet Mohammed

These messages were received by two Nigerian members, a brother and a sister (names withheld), around the time of the great wave of revelations given through the Nigerian family last year (see Today's World, Nov. '86).

At different times Mohammed addresses his words (or refers) to the person he is speaking through, to the Nigerian church members, to the Muslims in Nigeria, or to Muslims throughout the world.

These passages are minimally edited excerpts.

August 10, 1986

MY NAME IS MOHAMMED. ALLAH IS MY witness that I left a clear prophecy about the return of Isa bn Maryam [the Christ]. I tried to meet the leaders of Mecca, but they always doubted, feeling that they were being deceived by Satan. It even became a matter of mockery among them.

I know they don't have strong faith about what I left concerning the return of the son of Maryam. They have been carried away by Satan through theologians. Isa is coming with something new. I did not say there is no revelation after me. Why did I say that Isa will eat pork? Why did I say that you will be released out of prayer? Why did I say that he will unify the religions centered on God through submission? I did not say there is no revelation after me! Tell them that they are lying! Allah's will must be done on earth.

I leave you with peace, but please convey my message to the Muslim world. I am ready to speak to any of them who needs me now.

August 20

I'm sorry to wake you up at this time, but you are my object, so please bear with me.

I want to say that I made your mission easier to carry because I appeared to some of the people I asked you to meet and informed them of your mission to them, so please carry it out. I want you to meet a certain Saudi representative here and tell him that they are all failing

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me. Yet I love them so much. I still have hope in them because they are dealing with the central nation, and once that nation is restored, I said they must follow America or they will lose glory in the sight of the Muslim world to come. Now you are a Muslim by name but a Moonie in the spirit world.

You failed me by hiding some of my revelation to you. You are supposed to tell them all my instructions. They are not for you alone but for everybody! Why should you be so selfish? You want to communicate with me, but you don't want others to do that. Then who can believe you? I am always eager to meet those interested in me. Find my instructions and tell them again that they must have Moon as their center of worship, that they must pray in Moon's name.

I still want you to fast again because you did not pay for failing me. Tell them that Moon is the only one to give them in marriage. I left a message in the Quran about this holy marriage.

Go out and do God's will like Heung Jin Nim and my disciple. Remember you told him that you want to be a sacrifice for this nation. Therefore, you must go and meet these people and offer yourself as a sacrifice to them. If they martyr you, then this nation will be completely saved, and if they do not, then you are saved and the nation will also be saved.

Stop thinking of getting blessed first. What about Heung Jin Nim and Jesus? Were they married when they were alive? History will prove you right, and your bride will one day accept your mission. So go out, and do.

August 25

I know that many leaders will not believe you, but will you also disbelieve me like them?

I trust you and I have faith in you and your ability to carry this mission for me. You were not supposed to carry this mission for me, but because they failed me I picked you, and they must follow you or fail completely.

Please, I want you to proclaim to the Islamic world that I came as a forerunner to prepare my people to accept Isa bn Maryam on his second coming, that I fulfilled my mission by bringing them into light. Out of God's mercy He chose me to serve as a forerunner to the person who can conquer and carry Isa's mission. I am grateful to Aboubakar and Omar who spread the Islamic faith to all the Arab world.

Tell them that the Quran is not actually complete. Tell them that I failed God woefully by marrying many wives that are not legally mine. Tell them that I am not coming back. Tell them that we the prophets are of the same mother, that our religion is one, and that there is no difference between my followers and the Jews and the Christians. I taught them the pure doctrine of unity with those religions sent before Islam. Tell them to stop shedding God's servants' blood for nothing but tribal purposes. Ask them whether they know the grief they are causing God. Tell them it is now time for the real Messiah on earth, so they must follow him. Tell them to follow Moon for their as well as our benefit.

Stop asking questions, but follow Brother Moon; then you can find happiness and the solution to your problems. I have so much trust in you; therefore, you must lead a life of Principle throughout your life. If anybody tries to separate you from leading a life of Principle, migrate to another section and establish a life of Principle there. God's earth is like a carpet, so go out and deliver yourself to them, either for martyrdom or victory.

You will see me if conditions permit, but I must tell you that I am closer to you than your jugular vein. You must always remember me when praying before Brother Moon so that we can attain the same level as him.

September 29

The people I mentioned to you on the tenth of August should all unite together. They have collective responsibility to restore this country to God through Brother Moon. Go tell them that the Prophet Mohammed has given them a warning. They must restore this country for God. This country is a chosen nation. They must do it now. They must not let Satan destroy this country. They must not fail their

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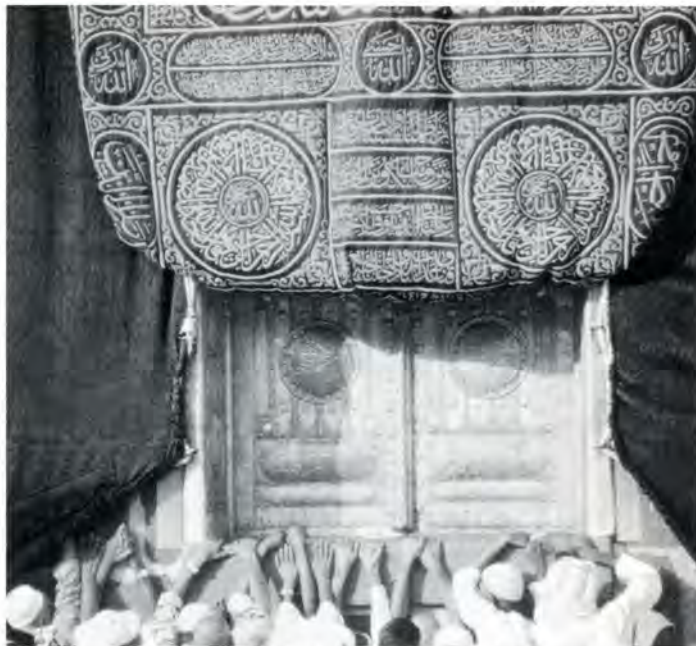
mission. If they do, they must pay with their own blood.

God chose Nigeria to unite together and lead all other African countries. Tell them that they are the bridge of unity between Christian and Muslim worlds, that they should not feel ashamed to unite with Christians. Through their effort, the entire Christian world will unite with the Muslim world. If they fail, it is not me that they fail, but God; and they will pay for it by their own blood.

Undated

It is surprising that you still cling to your dead natures. How can we make you understand us? You prefer evil life to the one chosen for you. How can God work with you? You all long to see God working with you, but faithlessness covers your heart! You disbelieved Heung Jin Nim—you threw away his commandment. You promised to change and work actively three times harder! Can't you do what you promised him? Not only did you fail Heung Jin Nim, but you went to the extent of disbelieving the revelation. [A sister] disbelieved that God's feminine nature spoke through her! Many of your brothers doubted us and finally you doubted my revelation to you. I asked you to fast. You refused to fast. Instead of once you must pay with two more!!

I am lenient with you, but you are making me take total control over you! God will never work with the faithless, neither can good go with evil. You must get rid of your faithlessness! Nothing comes from nothing. Do you think you can create God's world here without paying indemnities?



Muslims paying homage at the Kaaba, the holy shrine in Mecca.

Many of you don't know that Satan is a reality, as God is. You don't even believe God is a reality! Therefore you cannot perceive him because He is not in you, neither you in Him. To make you a leader over Satan, you must do what Satan cannot do. Brother Moon did not build this temple overnight, but we are all proud of him because he was able to do what we could not do. He stood in our position and felt the pain of our failure and carried our mission. Praise him who conquered for us and for the world.

November 4

You have an important mission to carry. I know how you feel, but which do you prefer—God or your personal desire and view? Please your Lord. Even Moon longs to see that day when they are happy, the day you do not fail him. Moon is fully aware of your presence among his community, but you must bring more brothers. You must try with all your might to bring them to Moon.

I am happy with you. You are like a light in my eyes, because you believed and you are working for me. Brother Moon will be happy to see you whenever you meet him. Step by step we will help you to overcome and we promise you spiritual protection.

O Hijaz!* What are you waiting for? Do you seek to hear a trumpet blowing? Or do you want to meet the Lord unprepared? Hasten to his call; let yourselves not be among the losers of this blessing. O America! What are you waiting for? Were it not for the Lord's presence, you would have been destroyed! O New

*area of Saudi Arabia surrounding the city of Mecca.

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unite Muslims
and Christians.
This is your
task, and you
must do this
even at the
cost of your
life.*

Jerusalem! What are you waiting for? You don't know your time of visitation, like your elder. It would have been better for you not to exist than to fail your Lord. Harken, O mankind, to his call if you believe.

November 15

Many have gone into the world in my name to destroy me, and many destroyed me in their effort to correct me and reform Islam. The thirsty in knowledge are the wisest of all; therefore, go you into the world and seek knowledge. But the knowledge of your Lord is the best.

Today I have come to seal off my message and my witness to them till the time is ripe for them to receive more. But you must struggle to fulfill and convey these messages to them. He who accepts, it is for his own benefit. I am happy with the thirsty in spirit—they make me happy. I was supposed to air my message from Medina but because they failed me, I have to look at another chosen nation of God.

You Muslim brothers must bow down to Brother Moon in prayer. Use whatever Islamic move to win their hearts for him. What does your prayer mean to God when you are impure and deny God His right over you? You are the greatest mosque that God built for Himself to dwell in, but you denied Him His right over you. How selfish and ungrateful is man to his Creator! Brother Moon has come to recreate mankind for God, but alas, you do not know who he is! How blind you are! I thought you would be the first to recognize him and elevate my spirit. Alas!

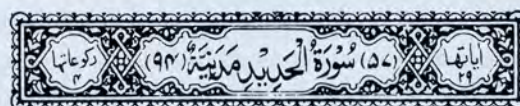
You failed me, O Muslim community! How dare you challenge me? How dare you disbe-

Sūra LVII.

*Hadid, or Iron.*⁵²⁷⁴

*In the name of God, Most Gracious,
Most Merciful.*

1. **W**hatever is in
The heavens and on earth,—
Let it declare
The Praises and Glory of God:⁵²⁷⁵
For He is the Exalted
In Might, the Wise.
2. To Him belongs the dominion
Of the heavens and the earth:
It is He Who gives
Life and Death; and He
Has Power over all things.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
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 ۲- لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
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 وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

A passage from the Quran.

lieve me? Do you know me more than I know myself, or do you know my message more than I know it myself? In the Quran I used many words—Rabba or Rabbi—instead of Isa, hoping that you would understand them to mean Isa, but you turned everything upside down and literally explained them to mean God. Now I regret ever using such words in order to win your heart. I want you to examine the words Rabba and Rabbi in the Quran. Do they signify God at all?

I again want you to know that I will come to you at any time if the need arises. I must go now and unite with my brothers who are actively working to unite all religious leaders and followers together for an easy and smooth resurrection process.

Use the wisdom given to you and unite Muslims and Christians. This is your task, and you must do this even at the cost of your life. □

Mohammed, the founder of Islam, was born in A.D. 570 in Mecca, Arabia, at a time when the Arabs were idol worshipers. He began to lead a contemplative life in the desert and received a series of revelations about the existence of one God (Allah) and the brotherhood of men. This became the Quran, the holy scripture of Islam. Thereafter Mohammed devoted himself to the reform of religion and society. Although doctrinal disagreements split Islam into several divisions, Mohammed's followers succeeded in uniting the Arab world. Today Islam is spread widely throughout Africa and Asia. Muslims consider Mohammed to be the last prophet of Allah.

FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

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my Lord *commanded* us to love." John understood that from God's and Jesus' point of view, to love is not "optional" for a true human being—it is the essence and purpose of life.

How can we emulate John's example in becoming a disciple of love?

First, we must have true faith and conviction, for without faith we cannot go beyond our horizontal perceptions to trust and follow 100 percent. John had absolute conviction that Jesus was nothing less than the incarnation of God.

Second, we must practice true love. John understood Jesus' value so completely that he naturally expressed his belief in his actions. We need *personal* experience of True Parents' love. If you haven't had such experiences, try to inherit the experience of those who have. The more we trust and believe with both our mind and our heart, the more easily we can practice the teaching of our True Parents. Judas, for example, only understood Jesus through his mind, not his heart. He followed Jesus as long as he thought Jesus would be successful according to his own concept. When his expectations were shattered, he lost hope and betrayed Jesus because he did not have a genuine bond of heart with him and couldn't understand God's eternal plan.

We have been separated from True Parents and from true parental love for 6,000 years. We haven't even known what we were missing—only that something was definitely not right about ourselves, our relationships, and our world. An example comes to mind: A few years ago, a selected number of families from North Korea were allowed to meet with their relatives in South Korea whom they had not seen for 40 years. However, their encounter was quite painful because there was no feeling at first. Each person was very different from the other's memory. It was shocking for someone to see his mother old and toothless instead of young and vital as he had known her 40 years ago. To finally meet True Parents now is an incredible opportunity, but, like those Korean families, we are numb in heart—our eyes cannot see and our ears cannot hear. Most of us can barely comprehend True Parents' significance intellectually, and we have even less heartistic appreciation of them. We must continue to try to understand—and overcome—our profound spiritual numbness and insensitivity.

Active give and take

Though these reunited families at first had no feeling, as they shared and embraced, their hearts opened to each other, and they could weep. Although we can achieve some growth through education, we need

the nourishing experience of loving fellowship as well. We can only grasp the reality of true love through actual experience, through *feeling* the emotion of caring for another in the active give and take of love. It is not sufficient to only imagine this flow. Many Christians visit Israel, for example, but just *seeing* where Jesus lived in no way guarantees an experience of his love.

Jesus said to John, "Don't condemn people; do as I do, and love them as I have loved you." Our central figures can give us guidance and advice about how to bind with True Parents' heart, but all too often our self-centered pride blocks us from humbly receiving their suggestions. We need to die to our former selves. If we let go of our selfish, individualistic thinking, God can give us new life and new ability to love.

True Parents are the only ones who know God completely and who are able to teach us to know God's love. For this vertical love to flow to us, we must fully trust and receive it. We should try to deeply understand True Parents, as John understood Jesus. This is why Jesus taught that we should first love him more than our family and friends. The most serious and important challenge a human being can take upon himself is to become a being of true love. If we can do this, we too can become extraordinary men and women. □

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UNDERSTANDING KOREAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



by Zoe-Anne Nicolopoulos

Interview by Angelika Selle

AS: How long have you been studying Korean?

ZN: I began studying in 1977 at a university in France. At that time no one else in the church, that I know of, was learning Korean. It was very difficult, because I was doing other missions as well as going to school. The first three years were such a terrible struggle that I wanted to quit all the time. But Henri Blanchard, the president of the Unification Church in France, had asked me to learn Korean, so I couldn't just say, "Oh, Henri, I want to stop." I had made a pledge to Heavenly Father: If I ever fail the examinations, I will quit. But strangely, even though I was the worst student in the class, I never failed.

After I had been studying for three years, President Blanchard asked me if I could translate from Korean into

French. I told him it was impossible because my vocabulary and understanding were so limited. At that time I thought I would never learn very much Korean. But I decided to make one final attempt—by living in Korea for a year. If I couldn't learn the language by the end of that time, I would give up.

That year in Korea, from December 1979 to December 1980, was difficult, but I came to understand and speak Korean quite well. I started studying at a language institute, but Heavenly Father also gave me many opportunities to learn different kinds of Korean. By witnessing in Korean I learned to speak about many spiritual things. I lived with a Korean family, so I could observe how their children learned to speak. Even by hearing the vendors shouting in the marketplace I learned so much. I felt God wanted to give me a broad understanding of the Korean language and culture.

Spiritually, it was also a very good year for me. I was very much on my own because I lived with a home church family rather than in a church center. It was entirely up to me to take care of my spiritual life. I struggled very hard to keep a strict life of faith. This opportunity hadn't been given to anybody else—only to me—so I felt I could not betray God.

From this experience I understood that Father sends us pioneering in order to make our faith more mature.

When I returned to France I continued to study, and I received a master's degree in Korean literature. In 1984 I went back to Korea to pursue a doctorate on a government scholarship. I hope to finish my studies by 1988.

AS: Was it difficult for you as a Westerner to grasp the logic of Korean grammar?

ZN: Yes, especially in the beginning. My teacher in France was a Korean woman from Ewha University, the school that opposed our church in the 1950s. She persecuted me and ignored my questions, so I had to try to memorize everything. I did very poorly but I had no choice.

But the teachers at the language institute in Korea knew how to answer the type of questions that Westerners ask. Finally I could understand the rules of grammar rather than just memorizing. I had to go through a stage of learning without understanding before the reward of understanding could come.

AS: Father always says that Korean is very scientific, yet many Westerners cannot see anything scientific about the structure of Korean. Can you explain this?

ZN: When Father says Korean is scientific, he means it is logical from the viewpoint of Oriental philosophy. If you don't know Oriental philosophy

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and the cultural context of the Oriental mentality, you cannot see the logic of the Korean language. European languages don't seem logical either unless you know the culture and philosophy of those nations. Language is an extension, an outgrowth, a continuation, of culture. Korean is scientific in the sense that it is consistent with the philosophy of its culture. From this point of view, studying Korean is very exciting.

Last year I attended a lecture on the origins of the Korean alphabet. The speaker showed that there is a spiritual aspect to the Korean language. The scholars who created the alphabet in the 15th century wanted to make their language much more than a means of communication.

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They wanted to be able to express the entire culture. It was also meant to strengthen the national identity of Koreans against the dominance of Chinese culture and language. Unlike Chinese, which has thousands of complex characters, the Korean alphabet was designed to be simpler and easier for everyone to learn.

AS: How has learning Korean helped you to understand Father's speeches?

ZN: Knowing Korean is, I think, essential for really understanding Father's heart. If someone is speaking

in a language you understand, you hear not only his words but his spirit. You can sense his thinking and his feeling. You can even tell what he will say next. But if you use a translator, this spiritual awareness disappears.

Father emphasizes learning Korean because we can come to know his heart directly and share his eagerness to realize God's ideal. We need to learn Korean in order to inherit his desire to create a world of goodness.

Also, if we can understand Korean language, culture, and history, we can understand the soil from which the flower of God's providence grows. The flower may be different from the soil, but they share the same essential elements. Understanding Korean tradition has helped me understand our church.

AS: Father always emphasizes that he is not promoting Korean tradition but heavenly tradition.

ZN: Yes, that's an important point. I think Korean members face a greater challenge in accepting heavenly tradition than Westerners do. For us, everything about heavenly culture is new and fresh. We go through a total change. But for many Koreans, it is difficult to distinguish between heavenly and Korean culture. It's easy for them to feel Korean culture is good enough.

Father emphasizes heavenly tradition, not Korean tradition. There are many things in our church that shock Koreans who are not members. Our church traditions are not simply Korean. While they have a Korean flavor and color, it was God who created them. We should understand Korean culture, language, and history not for themselves but in order to understand Father. We need to understand the character of the nation that was called to give birth to the one who had the sensitivity to receive God's principle, our True Father.

PEN PALS

Dear Readers,

"Matching" pen pals has been a special joy to me, knowing that in this way, bonds between brothers and sisters in different countries can be created and deepened—forming a worldwide net of love.

The idea of pen pals was originally suggested by an American sister, Gail Martin, and so far the greatest response has been from African nations. Brothers and sisters there are eager to be connected to what's happening in America, the "front line" where True Parents are. But they also have a great desire to share experiences of faith they have had in their own countries. Recently several requests have come in for pen pals in Japan or Korea, but that territory has yet to be created. I would be happy to receive letters from brothers and sisters over there.

Please know that the "matching" is being done with a lot of thought and a prayerful heart. If your pen pal relationship doesn't work out, just return the address to me. There is always someone else waiting. The "matching rules" are that we connect brothers with brothers and sisters with sisters, unless one of the parties is a blessed couple.

So reach for your pen and get yourself a pal. Join in and make the world of heart more real.

All the best to each of you.

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Angelika Selle
Editor

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am an avid reader of *Today's World*, which is, along with the Unification Video News and the *Blessing Quarterly*, the exclusive source of information for us who are at a pioneering outpost here in the farthest western region of the United States.

I must compliment you on the content of the magazine and as well on how much the layout and style have improved over the years.

Yet there is one thing that I am missing in *Today's World*, and that is a Letters to the Editor section. Is there a lack of interest among the members of our church in expressing their views and feelings? What could we do to encourage more healthy dialogue in the magazine? I think there is a need for this, and I believe your magazine could act as a forum for ideas.

Maarten Meijer
Eugene, Oregon

Today's World welcomes your idea for a column for readers to express their views. We heartily encourage members to write in their comments and suggestions, and if response merits, we will run a monthly Letters to the Editor column.

LOOKING DEEPER

Questions and Answers on Our Life of Faith

We invite our readers to send in any questions they may have on the Principle, Father's words, or our tradition. Relevant questions will be answered by our church elders and printed in Looking Deeper. This, like the Letters to the Editor column, is a new venture, and can become a regular feature only if reader response allows.

Q. The Divine Principle frequently mentions that Satan knows God's plan in advance and because of that always copies God's design ahead of time. How far does Satan really know the details of God's plan?

A. Satan does have a clear knowledge of God's principles and indeed he has a good understanding of God's overall plan for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven. However, the step-by-step process is within God's mind alone because it unfolds according to the fulfillment of man's portion of responsibility, and is flexible according to that fulfillment.

Q. Is it unwise to speak too openly with brothers and sisters about positive contacts or specific ideas for the future? I have heard that doing this might create a foundation for negative spirits to come and attack that person or that idea. Is this being overanxious or is it a justified concern? I don't feel such a concern in small groups where there is strong unity among the brothers and sisters.

A. Indeed, it is not good to speak too openly about positive contacts or ideas for the future. Too much casual discussion can tend to take energy away from good developments in our life and work. It is sometimes better to keep the energy inside of ourselves where we can work with it towards the fulfillment of the ideas, rather than to bring the ideas out through too much talk, which can draw unneeded skepticism. Where there is a good solid bond of unity and trust among brothers and sisters, however, sharing regarding a positive contact or a good idea for the future can be a good thing and can inspire even better ideas. □

KOREAN TEXT STUDY

Witnessing

29. Blessed families must always be ready to be called out. I myself would go across the Pacific Ocean even knowing I might die.

30. Don't just say to people, "Come"; you must go out and witness.

31. How many tears have you shed in your effort to love and save people? Without sacrifice, you cannot truly give life to anyone.

32. In witnessing, begin with your relatives and friends. Years ago you visited them to take blessings from them, but now you do so to give blessings to them. Therefore, they will not oppose you.

Taken from both the Korean and English Volumes of The Way of God's Will

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- 29 가정은 언제든지 출동준비를 하라. 선생님은 태평양을 넘으라면 죽을줄 알면서도 간다.
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- 32 자기 친척과 친지(親知)부터 전도하자. 전도는 옛날에는 복을 빼앗기 위한 것이었지만 지금은 복을 주기 위해 가는 것이니 반대하지 않을 것이다.

NEWS FROM TODAY'S WORLD

ISLAM AND GODISM



Some of the participants of the November 1986 conference on Islam and Godism.

A HISTORIC CONFERENCE HELD IN ELIZABETH, New Jersey, on Thanksgiving weekend, 1986, brought together 45 Middle East scholars and religious leaders to compare the teachings of Islam with the Principle.

The conference was sponsored by the International Middle East Alliance (IMEA), an educational and religious organization founded by Father on July 18, 1984, during a three-day seminar for Middle East scholars. Father's deep love and concern for the people of the Middle East was exemplified in his establishing the alliance the very week he was to enter Danbury prison.

In his Founder's Address at that initial seminar, Father encouraged

the alliance to be committed "to finding new possibilities for peace in the Middle East and beyond." His closing remarks, delivered *in absentia*, will remain as the cornerstone and the force behind the success of IMEA:

I deeply support your courageous efforts to begin this seemingly impossible task. I regret not attending this historical meeting with you tonight, but I am bound with you in the same spirit and determination to build God's Kingdom and to end the suffering for all.

Since its beginnings, IMEA, under the guidance of Rev. C.H. Kwak, has brought together Muslims, Christians, Jews, and people from other faiths of

the Middle East to engage in dialogue centered on Unificationism. Conferences on the theme of "Godism: A New Philosophy and Worldview" have introduced a long-needed vision and hope toward solving the conflicts of this troubled region. IMEA conferences have also provided participants with a forum to express their views and concerns about their homelands.

For the recent conference, "Islam and Godism Philosophy: A Comparative Analysis," held on November 28-30, 1986, speakers had done an extensive study of the Principle, and their papers made important contributions toward a better understanding of Islam and Unificationism and their commonalities. The future pub-

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lication of the conference papers will provide Unificationists with a better appreciation for Islam, a faith that is shared by almost one billion people, as well as help introduce Unificationism to Muslims.

Dr. Sebastian A. Matczak, professor of philosophy at UTS, opened the conference with his paper on "A Survey of Unificationism (Godism)." He eloquently emphasized the importance of Unificationism as the trend of the future and thus the need for Muslims to understand it properly.

Dr. Ilyas Ba-Yunus, professor of sociology at the State University of New York at Cortland, gave the keynote speech on "The Quest for Ideology: Contemporary Religion and Beyond." He explained that Muslim scholars have paid little attention to creation theology because "they have so much to preoccupy themselves with right now in this world.... For them, then, ideology and not theology is the way to salvation." He pointed out that true dialogue between Christians and Muslims had never been possible in the past because of Christianity's belief that Jesus is God

Himself. He said that the Unificationist position on the value of Jesus has opened up the possibility for sincere interaction among Muslims, Unificationists, and established Christianity.

Dr. Abdo A. Elkholy, head of the sociology department at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois, presented his paper on "The Concepts of the Fall and Original Sin." Dr. Elkholy, a long-time supporter of the Unification movement and an admirer of Father, is probably America's best-known authority on the Arab world and is highly regarded in Egypt, the country of his birth. His paper stated that both the Prophet Mohammed and Rev. Moon have "embraced humanity, without boundaries, to convert it to God in order to achieve the Kingdom of Heaven on earth." Furthermore, he said, both men have attempted to defeat evil, now represented by international communism, with a godly ideology.

Dr. Elkholy summarized the essence of the conference:

While it is clear that Muslims consider Mohammed the last prophet, there is no objection for them to consider Rev. Moon a messiah. After all, Islam welcomes social reformers and glorifies them regardless of their origin, race, or ethnicity. The return of the state of the lost paradise that was designed for us is now within our reach. It does not require any miracle more than every individual, you and I, starting right now to create heaven on earth. This is the ultimate goal of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the unified form of Unificationism.

Another important highlight was a presentation by Dr. Mose Durst on "Rev. Moon and the Unification Movement." Dr. Durst's sharing of his own personal relationship with Father, as well as the vision that has inspired Father to initiate so many diverse activities, helped everyone gain a deeper appreciation for Father and the Unification movement.



Dr. Mose Durst shares about his personal experiences with Father.

God's presence and love were felt by everyone, and the spirit of unity overcame theological differences. Disagreements only added to the realization of the need for Godism to help bring unity in the Middle East.

IMEA will continue to bring Father's message of "One World Under God" to the people of the Middle East. IMEA is reaching out, at this time, to Middle East religious, academic, and community leaders in America. In time, *Inshallah* (God willing), IMEA will introduce the Principle to entire communities of Middle East people in America as well as create bridges to people living in Islamic countries all over the world. □

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Dr. Abdo Elkholy (light suit) and other scholars look over the book display.

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The Second European Arts Workshop

THE SECOND EUROPEAN ARTS WORKSHOP, held at Huize Glory, North Holland, from January 29 to February 1, 1987, attracted 51 participants from nine countries. Its theme was "The Role of Art and the Artist in Building the Kingdom of Heaven."

The workshop had two goals: (1) to clarify and plan how we, as church artists using our art, can help the providence; and (2) to decide how to continue our activities as a group so that we might be able to support each other. The joy felt by all participants at the end may well have been because both these goals were accomplished, at least to a significant degree.

The workshop was very much a "grass roots" initiative. To involve everyone in a commitment to the workshop, we spent the whole of the first day with contributions from anyone who had something to say. The song "Happy Heart" was a much requested favorite, and the atmosphere from the very start was warm and embracing.

Sepp Wandl, leader of Go World Band 3, recapped the events of the first arts workshop, held in Camberg, West Germany, in 1986 [see *Today's World*, April '86], and then we heard from our Austrian brothers. Sepp Blassnig is a woodcarver who employs others in a successful business. His explanations of how he combines art and business were philosophically and practically of great value to all. Albert Heizinger, a French horn player, told of how he had been a fanatical musician who shocked his colleagues when he gave up music to join the Unification Church. But after many sacrifices he is a musician again, and he has fulfilled his dream of playing with a major orchestra in Austria.

From France, Daniel Gaucher spoke of the need to develop an understanding of art based on the Principle. He discussed how artists can be "very good at expressing the four aspects of



Christopher V. Davies, chairman of the European Arts Workshop, opens the conference.

fallen nature." Many social problems arise from artists being too individualistic in their creativity, he said. Commenting on the importance of a good family life for an artist, he cited the example of numerous composers who did turn in their later years to chamber music, a style of music that is internal and profound and is often played by families.

The largest contingent came from Germany. Wolfgang Runge is a professional art critic, and he spoke of how art is descended from magic and that we should never underestimate its power. Christian Sedlemeier, a painter, graphic artist, and picture restorer, reported on his involvement in a new arts center. We also heard about the exciting activities of Go World Band 3 and the CARP band Blue Tuna.

President Kim's message

We had hoped that President Won Pil Kim would address us, but at the last moment the pressure of work kept

him away. However, we were fortunate to be visited by Karl Leonhartsberger, the national leader of Germany, who brought with him President Kim's blessing for our workshop and his encouragement to us that our art might help fulfill the European goal of tripling membership in 1987. He said we need to help others visualize Canaan, and for that we should have a good strategy. Father has said that everything in this world has a mysterious quality, and that art deals with this mystery, said President Kim. To create joy through art needs time and effort.

Karl commented how President Kim is himself an artist—a painter—and how much he enjoys visiting art galleries and museums. Karl is also a painter and a published poet. Karl spoke of how art can connect the spirit world with the physical world, of how art is the substantiation of love, and how the greater our love, more universal the impact of our creativity will be. The power of the

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heart is greater than the power of the intellect, he said. Art has the ability to transport people to a new, higher realm of consciousness. Karl finished his presentation with some of his own poetry.

A major portion of Saturday was devoted to a report by Peter May on the World CARP Convention to be held in Berlin this summer. Peter is the secretary-general of the convention, and he captivated us all with his plans, in which the performing arts as well as the visual arts are featured very prominently. We could see how artists can, through contributing to the CARP Convention, directly help the dispensation on an international level.

We also agreed to form an association, provisionally entitled the European Artists Association, that would produce a quarterly magazine and an information service for members. We expect the membership fee will be 40 Dutch guilders (\$25 to subscribers outside Europe).

The workshop committee, assisted by several national representatives, then made plans for the next arts workshop. It will be held, subject to unforeseen circumstances, in September of this year, probably in Austria, to coincide with the Austrian church's Cultural Week at Gafenz.

After first agreeing on how we could help the providence, we had also organized how to help ourselves. What joy we felt through this accomplishment!

The entertainment on Saturday night was extraordinary, culminating in a gospel finale and prayer led by Barbara Burrowes van Praag. Everyone was still fresh at Sunday pledge service. The theme of the sermon was: In order to help the world, an artist, and indeed every person, must gracefully accept the difficulties involved in personal restoration. Like Jacob working for Laban, we must all go through our path of indemnity in order that we might see the face of God in our brother Esau, and have him see the face of God in us. □

ON MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 26, the day *The World & I* magazine scheduled its first anniversary banquet, federal employees were given the day off and most events in the nation's capital were called off because of heavy snow. But despite the bad conditions and some cancellations, 200 guests appeared at the elegant Four Seasons Hotel that evening for a grand celebration.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief of *The Washington Times*, and Dr. Morton Kaplan, editor and publisher of *The World & I*, arrived from Houston and Chicago respectively despite disrupted air schedules. The ambassador from Ecuador arrived in a four-wheel drive jeep that he drove himself. Such determination to gather in spite of the elements sparked a special spirit among the guests, who included senators, congressmen, ambassadors, and many distinguished public figures and contributors to *The World & I*.

After dinner, speakers from the head table offered tributes to the magazine. Dr. Richard Rubenstein, a member of the advisory board of both *The Washington Times* and *The World & I*, explained the genesis of both publications, saying that the vision and determination of the founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, had brought them to a successful fruition when most people had regarded the attempts as totally impossible.

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Contributed by Christopher V. Davies

That night a Distinguished Public Service Award was presented to Senator Barry M. Goldwater (R-Arizona). Arnaud de Borchgrave praised Senator Goldwater as a staunch fighter against communism and an inspiration to *The Washington Times* in its efforts in the same area.

Accepting the award, Senator Goldwater urged all the guests who had not done so to read a copy of *The World & I* and said that he was sure they would then want to subscribe. Appearing moved by the tributes and the warm atmosphere, he said he saw a new world emerging—a new world of greater cooperation. He also said he believed the Soviet Union would change in his lifetime. As he reflected on the "I" in the magazine's title he asked the challenging question, "What can I do as one man to make this world a better place to live in?"

Toasts were offered by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, president of News World Communications; former Senator Charles Percy of Illinois; Ambassador Van Well of the Federal Republic of Germany; Arthur Burns, former Secretary of the Treasury and ambassador to West Germany; and Dr. Nicholas Kitztrie of the magazine's executive advisory board, who was also the master of ceremonies for the event.

Concluding remarks came from Representative Corinne Boggs (D-Louisiana). She pointed out that nations, corporations, and political parties cannot love each other, only persons can do that, so that the "I" in this endeavor was most important. She thanked the editors, the owners, and the people who conceived of the magazine. "If there is one thing we need in our relationships throughout the world today," she continued, "it is *The World & I*" □

Contributed by Michael Marshall

INTERNATIONAL OCEANIC ENTERPRISES, INC. OF ALABAMA



by Heiner Herwegh

IN JUNE 1978, INTERNATIONAL Oceanic Enterprises, Inc. of Alabama (IOE) opened its doors. The story of how it began is quite unique.

Earlier that year Master Marine, Inc., which has since become a successful shipbuilding business, bought a shipyard in Bayou La Batre, Alabama. Besides building boats for customers, Master Marine bought its own fishing boats as well. These boats started shrimping and fishing in the Gulf of Mexico with hired captains and crews, from whom the Master Marine brothers could receive professional training [see box p. 41].

On one side of their shipyard stood an old shack that had formerly been used as a place where boats unloaded and sold their catches. Some of the brothers thought, "Wouldn't it be great to unload right here and sell our own catch?" And so Dr. Paul

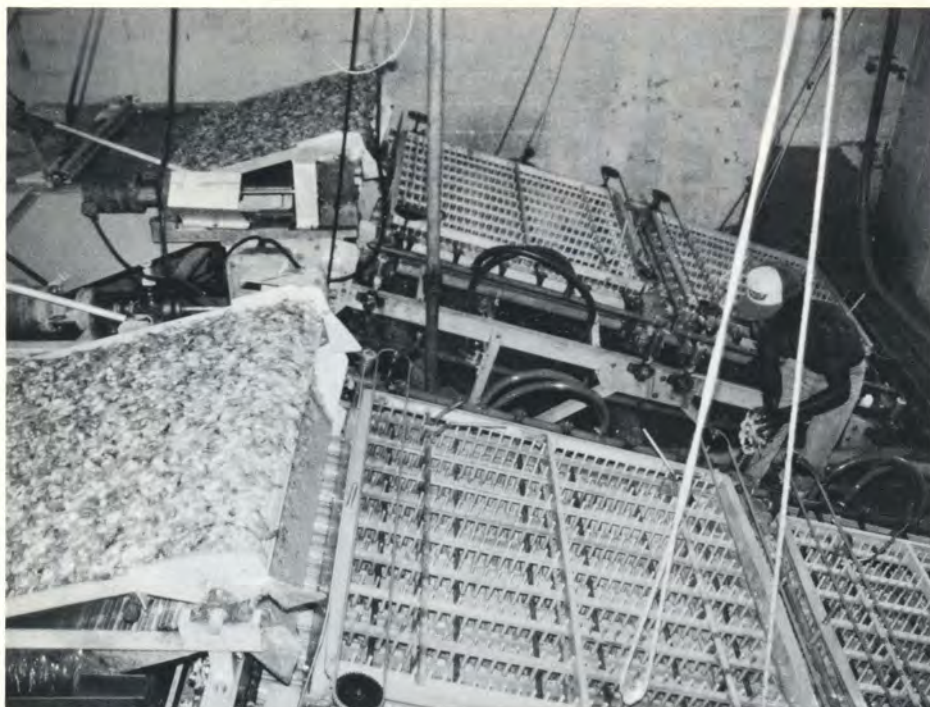
Werner, who was responsible for Master Marine at that time, decided to do just that. The place was fixed up, equipment was bought and installed, a manager was hired, and Master Marine Seafood was born.

An amazing deal

Meanwhile, across the Bayou, a large seafood plant, including an iceplant and a fuel dock, stood vacant. It had been out of business for many years. The former owner had gone bankrupt, and it came to the attention of International Oceanic Enterprises, Inc. of Virginia that the plant would soon be auctioned off. At that time, Father and "his Moonies" were not too beloved in the area! We were feared as competition by the business community and condemned as kidnapers and brainwashers by the ministers and congregations of the local

churches. We were informed that several of the major businesses in Bayou La Batre were united together, determined to stop us from purchasing the plant. If necessary, they intended to drive the price up until we would stop bidding, and then buy the plant for themselves, although none of them were actually interested in owning it. When Father heard about this, he recommended that we not attend the auction, and the plant was sold for a fraction of its real value because nobody really wanted it besides us. A well-known local businessman had made the first bid and no one challenged it. To our surprise, the new owner contacted us immediately following the auction and offered to sell the plant to us for little more than he had bid.

That same day IOE of Virginia became the owner of a new seafood



A shrimp peeling machine.

plant, iceplant, and fuel dock, all for about 25 percent of their appraised value! Thus IOE of Alabama came to be. Until this day, the local people believe that the man who bought the plant at the auction was our agent, but in reality we had never met the man before. He himself said that he did not believe that any group should be treated the way we were being treated, and he was unruffled by the public outcry that followed his sale to us.

In the beginning, brothers and sisters did just the manual labor, but within three months we were doing management, processing, and sales. We started to buy not only from the Master Marine fleet, but from other boats and other unloading docks in the area as well, for in spite of rumors, people were attracted by our honesty and our high standards. Now we buy fish and shrimp from Florida, all along the Gulf Coast—through

THE FISHERMEN WHO WORK ON THE FOUR shrimp boats operated by Master Marine out of Bayou La Batre, Alabama, are definitely unsung heroes, living a life of great sacrifice, hardship, and even danger to realize Father's vision for the ocean. Not many members of the church actually know what they go through. Presently, nine Master Marine brothers plus several non-church members follow a grueling schedule that keeps them out at sea for 14-20 days at a time.

After an eight-hour trip from port out to the shrimping grounds, which stretch along the Gulf of Mexico from Alabama to Texas, the three- to five-man crew on each vessel begins the exhausting process of shrimping. Depending on the size of the boat, two to four large nets are dragged along the ocean bottom, and after four to six hours the nets are hauled up and emptied on the deck. The catch has to be sorted, because most of what is caught in the nets has little or no economic value, often called "by-fish." Some fish, like trout and flounder, are saved, but the majority have to be dumped back into the ocean.

Once the shrimp are sorted out, the crew must laboriously remove the head of each shrimp by hand, because headless shrimp bring a higher market price. The shrimp are then washed and put on ice. This entire



SHRIMP FISHING ON THE GULF COAST

A brother tackles a mountain of fresh-caught fish and shrimp.

Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas—and from the East Coast as well.

Processing and marketing

Shrimp come in many different species, sizes, and qualities. Shrimp smaller than 50 per pound with the head on are usually processed through huge machines that remove the head, tail, and shell, leaving only the shrimp meat. These shrimp are then separated by size and packed in five-pound cartons to be frozen. The bigger shrimp can be frozen with the head on or off. They can be individually quick-frozen or separated by size in our grading machines and block-frozen in two- or five-pound packs.

Since 1978 we have been constantly expanding and improving our plant. We have just finished our latest expansion—a 4,000-square-foot staging and handling area for loading and unloading trucks, plus a major addi-



We employ about 100 shrimp headers.



operation takes almost three hours; then the nets are dropped for another four- to six-hour run.

While the nets are in the water, most of the brothers can rest while one person keeps watch, but when the nets are brought up the process of sorting, cleaning, and storing begins again. The cycle of work and sleep continues around the clock. Shrimping in all kinds of weather, with irregular sleep that is often interrupted, crews become exhausted after seven or ten days. This is a big hazard, because the deck of a shrimper is a dangerous place if one is not alert and careful. The presence of heavy machinery and complex cables and lines, combined with the constant motion of the vessel, makes even small mistakes potentially fatal.

During storms, the boats usually retreat to anchor in the Mississippi River delta. On such occasions two boats will often tie up together for a bit of "social time"—to eat together, watch videos, and of course tell fishing stories. After two to three weeks on the water, the fishermen return with their catch to spend a week at home. Most of the Master Marine fishermen now have families, so they tend to stay in port longer than they did several years ago. But readjusting to shore life is not easy. The interrupted pattern of sleep they experience on the boat

makes it almost impossible for them to sleep through the night when they are on shore.

Shrimp will fetch the relatively high price of \$1.50 to \$6.00 a pound, depending on the size, on whether the head has been removed, and on market demand. But the cost of shrimping is also high. A boat must make about \$1,000 a day just to meet operating costs. It takes a catch of 2,500 to 3,000 pounds to break even on a trip, 4,000 to 6,000 pounds to make a moderately successful trip, and more than 7,000 pounds to make a really good trip. This season, one Master Marine boat brought in a 20,000-pound catch.

In recent years the shrimping industry has faced hard times. The high price of shrimp has led to over-fishing and a decrease in the number caught. The increasing scarcity of shrimp, combined with higher fuel prices, has forced many boats out of business. The plight of shrimp fishermen today reflects the general decline of the entire fishing industry in America. This situation shows why Father is so desperate to fulfill his vision of the ocean as a storehouse that will feed the world. □

Material contributed by Lawrence Crompton, captain of the Sea Hope III

Written by Justin Watson

tion to our business-office space.

Over the years IOE of Alabama has grown substantially. We can now grade 2,800 pounds of shrimp an hour, peel 2,200 pounds an hour, and individually quick-freeze 1,800 pounds an hour. Our total blast-freezing capacity is 40,000 pounds a day, and we have a 700,000-pound holding freezer. Last year we processed 7 million pounds of shrimp and over 1 million pounds of fish.

In the busy season, from April to September, we process 19 hours a day and employ 150 regular workers and 100 shrimp headers. Management, sales, and most of the office personnel are now staffed by Unification brothers and sisters.

Since the market changes every day, decisions have to be made and changed continually. Quality has to be monitored at all times. We handle 406 different shrimp items. Profit is generated not only by the difference between buying and selling prices, but also by grading the shrimp exactly according to size and quality and by finding the best type of processing for each grade of shrimp, thus creating the best marketable product. It is absolutely important that sales and processing work together on a day-to-day basis. About a year ago we bought computers to enhance our marketing ability.

Our product is known as one of



Grading and packing shrimp.

the best on the American market, outstanding for its quality, taste, and accurate weight and size measurements. Our sales area sweeps from the Midwest to the East Coast, from Florida to Canada. Many restaurants and seafood stores in the surrounding cities are directly supplied every week by our salesmen with six- or ten-wheel trucks. Our tractor trailer and our ten-wheel truck make weekly trips up the East Coast supplying other major cities. We supply our cus-

tomers not only with shrimp and fish but also with other products such as crab legs, scallops, lobster tails, and frog legs. These we buy from other processors.

God's blessing

IOE of Alabama has established a good reputation in the seafood industry. Any success, though, is due to our attempt to be centered on God, to follow our True Parents, to unite with Dr. Martin Porter (who succeeded Dr. Werner in 1983 in taking responsibility for all fish-related operations in Bayou La Batre), and to work together as a team to bring success to True Parents. Supporting our True Parents is our main desire, and for that we always try to put differences aside. When we look back, we can see how much Heavenly Father helped us make the right decisions at the right time. Any accomplishment is due to God's blessing on the foundation of our unity.

On December 21, 1986, Father visited us in Bayou La Batre. We were happy to be able to report that our sales were up 40 percent for the year. He predicted that after we reach \$50 million in sales per year, we will see IOE grow beyond our greatest dreams.

Presently we are preparing our plant so that it can run 24 hours a day as soon as the season starts in April. We are determined to fulfill Father's ideals and expectations. □



During True Parents' visit to the IOE plant in 1985. Left to right: Mr. Hwang; Bob Finamore, regional sales manager; Dr. Martin Porter; Father; Mother; David Kirpich, sales manager; Heiner Herwegh, general manager; and Clinton Jones, plant manager.



Report on the International Highway Project

by Vinh Lequang, Walter Morauf, and Bruno Cartier

IT HAS BEEN MORE THAN FIVE YEARS since True Father proposed the International Highway Project at the tenth ICUS held in Seoul in 1981. Last year, on October 1, 1986, construction work officially began on the Japan-Korea undersea tunnel, the first link of the Highway Project, which will connect the Japanese island of Kyushu with the southeastern tip of Korea near Pusan.

An opening ceremony was held at the very spot of the first investigative inclined shaft of the tunnel. For this occasion about 250 participants gathered—representatives of government agencies and private organizations, members of the Japan-Korea Research Institute, and Korean university professors who support the project. The president of the International Highway Construction Corporation, Mr. Kuboki, performed the symbolic deed of detonating the first explosive

The Highway Project will bring Father's providential work substantially to the world level by mobilizing people and leaders of many countries to work together.

charge, officially starting the work.

For five years this project has been like an unborn child, gestating in the mother's womb of Japan. With the opening ceremony the work is now taking visual shape, and we are pro-

ceeding with the first steps confidently—but not without problems—towards completing the greatest engineering project ever undertaken.

When True Father begins a new strategy or a new project, he may not directly explain in advance the providential significance of the undertaking or tell us in detail what we have to do. When Father proposed the International Highway Project in 1981, he spoke about what it would contribute towards the creation of a better world, but he did not speak about its deeper spiritual meaning. God told Noah to build the ark on top of a mountain but without telling him the reason. In the same way, Father gives us instructions and a direction, and relies on our obedience and faith to implement them. Today, in a world torn by conflicts and suffering from the influence of communism, we can understand that

A bridge will eventually connect the islands along the Japan-Korea route.



True Father has asked us to build the most incredible means of uniting the people of the world, transcending racial, cultural, and national barriers in order to bring about a world of peace.

Realm of the third blessing

The International Highway will eventually link Northern Europe, North Africa, and the continent of Asia. Highway interchanges will connect trunk roads in various countries, facilitating transportation and trade. Rich and poor countries will be connected, making possible the distribution of material blessings to every part of the world. By the time the highway is completed, much of the world will already have learned to live unselfishly. We can say, then, that the International Highway belongs to the realm of the third blessing. After being restored to the

The International Highway will be a means to share and spread the material wealth that God has put at our disposal.

position of God's child, mankind will be able to have dominion over the things of the creation. The International Highway will be a means to share and spread the material wealth that God has put at our disposal. True Father has proclaimed that the barriers between different spheres of the spirit world have now been broken down. This situation must be reflected in the physical world too, in order

for all people to communicate freely. The International Highway will help make this possible.

The highway is planned to incorporate an International Free Zone, which will extend one kilometer on both sides of the highway. This Free Zone will be most important at the interchanges with national highway systems, where people will be able to stay or travel, crossing borders without a visa.

Soon after True Father made the proposal of the Highway, a preparatory committee was formed in Japan to start the practical work, consisting of both church and non-church staff. The next step was the formation of the International Highway Construction Corporation as a legal entity. This was needed for more official activity: for example, to get permission for marine research and for construction activities.

"NOTHING CAN GIVE US GREATER HOPE"

Messages of support from Japanese dignitaries

Keihachiro Shimizu

Honorary Professor of Chiba University

I joined the Research Institute from the beginning. Initially, the purpose, significance, and contents of this project seemed to be very vague to me. But after many meetings and on-the-spot investigations, I came to realize that this is the very project that can give human beings hope and inspiration. I felt it deeply significant to participate in it, with a feeling comparable to the spirit of the Olympic Games.

The requirements needed for this research are of an international, interdisciplinary, and technological nature. I had the opportunity to discuss this project with many scholars and intellectuals of various fields, through which I came to understand the international circumstances and to broaden and deepen my learning and my experience.

The completion of the Japan-Korea Tunnel will probably come at the beginning of the 21st century. As the level of technology of that age will be more than 10 times that of today, either a tunnel or a bridge will be easily constructed at that time. We cannot think of this project from the viewpoint of today's technological expansion. Rather, let us take a long-term view of the project. At

that time "one peaceful global nation" will have emerged, and a bus from Sapporo to London will be operating. We will be able to come and go between Japan and Korea without the necessity of a passport. Nothing can give us greater inspiration and hope than this project.

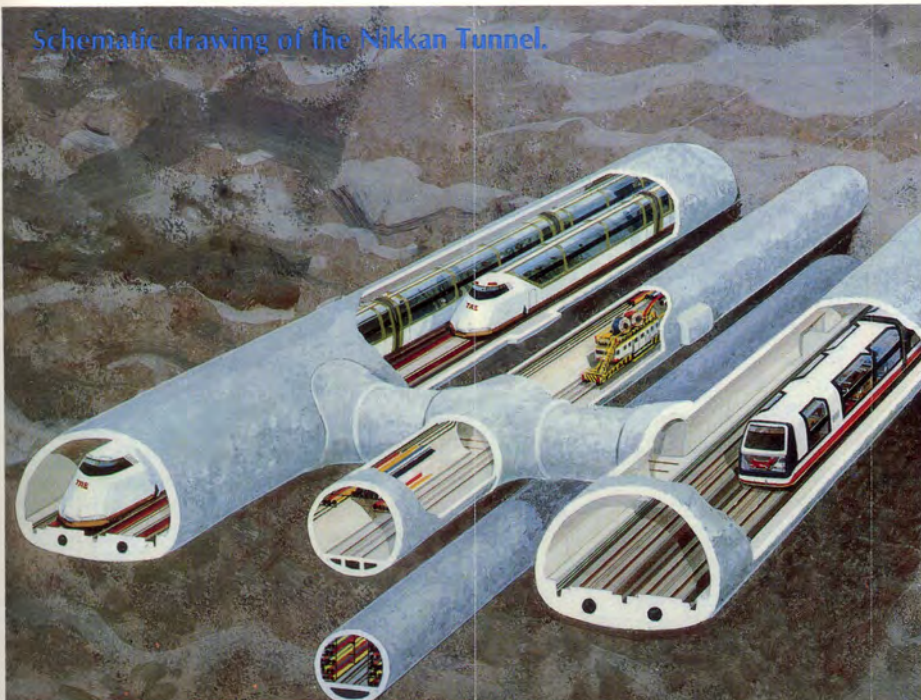
Masatoshi Matsushita

Former President of Rikkyo University

What a wonderful project! We are familiar with the expression "One World Family" which, I believe, is a splendid ideal. However, it would not be possible to realize without means of transportation. Whether the world can be "one family" or not depends largely upon a transportation system which would connect the whole world. I must say that today's technology is ready to make it possible.

Some factor has truly brought man's intellect and abilities to an extremely advanced stage of development. We need to be humble to the fact that we are the children of God and that man's unprecedented development grew out of his interaction with the spirit of God. We should kneel down in front of God, the Creator, with thanks for giving men this special developmental ability. This inspi-

Schematic drawing of the Nikkan Tunnel.



As a next step the Nikkan Tunnel Research Institute was inaugurated in May 1983. Through this institute, well-known experts in different fields, in connection with either construction or research aspects, will contribute their expertise voluntarily in their spare time. The office of the Research Institute itself has only a handful of members who work fulltime.

Until autumn of 1983 most of the work was done in Japan, but now in Korea many professors have begun to become involved. As the political situation in Korea is very different from the one in Japan, an official body comparable to the Research Institute is only now being established. So on a spiritual level the Adam nation and the Eve nation are already working together. The next stage is to propose the idea of the International Highway Project in as many nations

ration of the International Highway Project is just a fine example of this spiritual interaction between God and men, and is the by-product of what man can accomplish as the child of the living God.

Masahide Kanayama

Former Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

This proposal of Rev. Sun Myung Moon stems, I think, from his prophetic farsightedness as a man of religion. The heavenly providence seems to have already started working for its realization. The International Highway Project is the best means, especially in the communist sphere, [for countries] to emerge from economic backwardness, if we approach with the proper diplomatic perspective. Laying a road is the first prerequisite for their modernization. The alternative proposal for saving the human race from destruction by nuclear armaments is to undertake such a monumental public project as the International Highway, to be constructed for the sake of peace, with the spirit of mutual understanding, cooperation, and harmony.

This prophecy seems to be eccentric, and yet this concept-changing ideal appears to be necessary for saving this world.

Fumio Aoba

Director of the Japan Economic Research Institute

From ancient times, people have spoken of world peace as they expanded their national and racial territories. In fact, people desired to build up the new world order only to be more profitable for their own country by self-aggrandizement. This usually resulted in a confrontation of power.

The success of the International Highway Project is based on the assumption that each nation stops pursuing her own profits and takes a global perspective. This is really worthy of attention, I think, because it stems from an ideal of love for humanity; in other words, a spirit of living for others is underlying this project. I am honestly surprised at the power existing to execute this ideal, to make it into an actual enterprise.

The Apollo enterprise, a dream of the late President John F. Kennedy, encouraged the American nation and consequently realized man's first landing on the moon. In the same way, I am sure that the supreme ideal of the International Highway Project will inspire human beings to bring forth world peace.

Eizaburo Nishibori

President of the Japan Technology Transfer Association

I was very much impressed with the International Highway. As I myself wanted to live a romantic life—and have so far lived with such an attitude—I felt this romantic dream of an honest man, who has worked all his life for such a dream, will surely come true.

Since then I have placed high aspirations and expectations in this project. I would like to cooperate with it as much as I can. Today, nations are fighting over national boundaries and ideologies. It is a big dream, waiting to be realized, that we end conflicts and make the world into one. One of the approaches to it is the International Highway Project. The research and study of the Japan-Korea Tunnel is now under way, progressing step by step. I presume that this project will be realized much earlier than expected. I am sure that our descendants will enjoy world happiness brought about by the realization of this highway. □

as possible and on all possible levels—from students to government officials. The more countries that are working at the same time on this project, or are even just aware of it, the quicker the worldwide connections will be established.

Design of the tunnel

The Japanese name for the Japan-Korea Tunnel is Nikkan. The word is derived from the first syllables of *Nihon* and *Kankoku* (the Japanese words for Japan and Korea). Its basic design calls for four tunnels. Two main tunnels, about 12-14 meters (13-15 yards) in width, will contain a high-speed railway system. Cars will not drive through the tunnel for safety reasons, but will be transported by special vehicle carriers. A service tunnel will house the support and ventilation systems, with air ducts every 500 meters, as well as

This project will help people transcend their narrow interests and contribute in a very substantial way to the elimination of barriers between East and West.

safety back-ups. The fourth, or pilot tunnel, is necessary for construction purposes and to drain off water that may enter the other tunnels. The tunnels will be approximately 100 meters (110 yards) below the sea bed. The process of construction begins with vertical or inclined shafts. Once

reaching the proper depth, the pilot tunnel is dug for about 100 meters (110 yards). Then it is possible to start the service tunnel which in turn makes possible the construction of the main tunnels. This process does not involve construction problems so much as the problem of getting materials in and out. The lateral distance between the tunnels will be about 50 meters (55 yards), but this may vary due to geological conditions.

While its entire length of 230-260 kilometers (143-162 miles) seems enormous, for construction purposes the tunnel will be divided into sections of 20-30 km (12-18 miles). Two large islands, Iki and Tsushima, lie along the path of the tunnel, and artificial islands may be created to help in the construction as well. Work will be under way at a dozen or more sites simultaneously, which will shorten construction time to a great degree.



Cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony. Third from right, President Osami Kuboki; far right, Mr. Eizaburo Nishibori.

entire International Highway Project have not yet been completed.

Transcending barriers

Needless to say, the Highway Project is very close to True Father's heart. During his lecture tours in Korea in 1986 he stressed the importance of this project again and again.

This project is a wonderful way to testify to True Father's great global vision. All of the people who have come in contact with the Highway Project (including Western visitors) have been amazed and are completely enthusiastic about it. Even the communists will eventually have to recognize and acknowledge the need for an international highway.

While many of our movement's activities have become quite prestigious and influential on a national level, the Highway Project will bring Father's providential work substantially to the world level by mobilizing people and leaders of many countries to work together. This project will help people transcend their narrow interests and contribute in a very substantial way to the elimination of barriers between East and West, between developed and underdeveloped nations, and between the communist and free worlds. The Highway Project is a great step toward the realization of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. □

Such a project involves many coordination problems aggravated by differences in language and culture as well as the long distances involved. Problems such as housing and feeding the workforce, securing materials, arranging transportation, dumping excavated materials, protecting the environment during construction, ensuring safety, and measuring the correct alignment of the tunnel will be dealt with on a scale never before experienced. Even greater than the practical difficulties are the spiritual and emotional challenges that are

always present in restorational and providentially significant work.

The question of financing is also very important. Presently the International Cultural Foundation (ICF) has provided most of the funds for research, although some donations from corporations and individuals have been received. In the future, other forms of financing will have to be found to ensure that work can continue to progress. The estimated cost of the Nikkan Tunnel is approximately \$14 billion (based on prices as they were in 1984). Estimates for the

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conditions but by fulfilling our human responsibility.

Let me explain. Our Blessing was mainly God's and True Parents' grace bestowed on us after we fulfilled only minimum indemnity conditions. That indemnity was like a small fund with which we gained amazing interest. But we can grow vertically through the last stage *only* by fulfilling our portion of responsibility. The Principle view is that we can reach perfection in seven years, but actually the course cannot be set as an exact number of years because it is entirely dependent upon whether we personally fulfill our responsibility or not. I emphasize, our *own*. No one else can do it for us.

If, after the Blessing, you dedicate yourself completely, you can reach the level of perfection under ideal circumstances in seven years, but seven years is not to be understood literally. Look at it from the point of view of the eight stages, vertically and horizontally. If you fulfill them, then you have passed.

So internally, you can check yourself. Which stage am I in at the moment? What does the true son's position really mean? Even though I am blessed, am I really connected heartistically with the True Parents? Am I centering on their love as a real son or daughter would? If you are thinking of True Father and True Mother 24 hours a day and devoted to them in all of your thoughts, never separating yourself from them, then you will be directly linked to them.

It is your task and destiny to create this kind of heartistic unity. If you are focused on True Parents internally, the spirit world will always assist you, and you will absolutely reach your goal. You will discover the depths of True Parents' heart more and more, and you will be able to plunge deeper and deeper into the very heart of God.

George Kwak

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*Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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